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Preface.

IT is with much satisfaction that the Editors have witnessed the completion of another volume of *S. & D. N. & Q.*, which has now experienced an uninterrupted and vigorous existence for the space of ten years. They trust that it still merits the approbation of its readers, and venture to express the hope that, as in the past, so in the future, it will receive the active support and encouragement of all loyal sons of Somerset and Dorset, whether resident within the borders of those Counties or no.

In a region so abundantly endowed with relics of bye-gone ages, and enriched with so much that is of interest to the antiquary and historian, it will never happen that the field of research will be exhausted, and the Editors renew with confidence their appeal for the enrolment of suitable material bearing upon the history, the natural features, the fauna and flora of the district, in the pages of this Magazine.

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RODNEY CHAPEL, BACKWELL CHURCH, SOMERSET.

NOTES & QUERIES

FOR

SOMERSET AND DORSET.

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1. Rodney Chapel in Backwell Church (Somerset). —Antiquaries, whose delight it is to wander over village churches exploring their architectural treasures, are constantly meeting with windows and doors which show two and even more dates in their architectural details, but it is not often that work of two dates is to be found in the façade of a side chapel, such as may be seen in the chapel of the Rodney family in Backwell Church. On referring to the photographic illustration which accompanies these notes it will be seen that the original 14th century canopy over the entrance to the chapel consisted of a polygonal head containing a trefoil, each foil of which is again trefoiled, the polygon is surmounted by a triangular head, crocketted and supported on each side by pinnacles with crocketted finials; as originally constructed, this canopy probably overhung a tomb; to adapt it to its later use the builders of the perpendicular work appear to have raised the canopy, inserting within the trefoils five panels with trefoiled heads, each containing a shield with arms carved upon them; beneath are three four-centred arches—the arch towards the west being the doorway, the other two being filled with tracery of the conventional perpendicular type. In front stands a tomb, elaborately carved on three sides and supporting the effigy of a knight in plate armour of a late date.

The presumption is that the chapel was constructed at a later period, but whether a chapel existed here before the 15th century would probably be settled by a careful examination of the vaulting of the roof, which would show the late or the early date. Above the doorway and beneath the canopy and cut on three panels is a remarkable inscription, which runs as follows:— "Wythin this chapell lyeth Elyzabeth the first Founderys of this ‖ chapell and of the floke of shepe to the quarter Tymes ‖ lat knyght and before that wyff ‖ to Sr Walter rodney knyght and

syster to Sr Wyllya || m Compton Knyght whyce Elyzabeth deperted the || in the yere of grace

The inscription is evidently not in its original position to which it has been adapted by cutting off a portion of the third panel, with its inscription; this is clear from a copy engraved on a brass plate and placed upon the tomb which gives the inscription as it stood in the original, but with modern spelling: "Within this chapel lieth Elizabeth the first foundress of this chapel and of the flock of sheep of the quarter times late wife of Sr John Chaworth knight and before that wife to Sr Walter Rodney Knight and sister to Sr William Compton Knight which Elizabeth departed the 3 day of June in the year of Grace 1536."

Can any of your correspondents suggest what is the meaning of the passage which states that the said Elizabeth was the foundress of the "chapell and of the floke of shepe to the quarter tymes"?

By aid of a glass the inscription may be read in the photograph.

Builders in mediæval times had no more respect for the work of their predecessors than the builders of the present day; the hagioscope which opens from this chapel towards the high altar is formed out of carved stones from the Norman Church, some of the Norman incised work being left upon them—it will be noticed in the illustration by the side of the candle standard. Above the roof over the chancel is the cage for the Sanctus Bell.

W. Miles Barnes.

[In North Somerset, gilds named after the four Ember seasons, *Quatuor Tempora* or *Quarter Times*, were very common. See *Wells Wills* 38, 133, 192, 204, 205.

Editor for Somerset.]

2. Whitcomb Church, Dorset.—We have been kindly favoured with the following careful description of Whitcomb Church, by Mr. C. E. Ponting, F.S.A., dated July 30, 1892, which we here print, believing that it will be highly valued by our readers.

"The Church consists of continuous Nave and Chancel, without any structural division, such as arch inside or buttress outside, or difference in width or level of the roof. There is no evidence of any such feature having ever existed, there was probably only a screen to mark the commencement of the Chancel, and there is no trace of this left...There are in addition a Western Tower and a South Porch.

The Nave and Chancel were evidently erected about the year 1200 when the "Norman" style was being superseded by the "Early English"; the parts which remain of the original building are the North and South doors of the Nave, the portion of the North wall eastward of the door, as indicated by the

existence of a plinth worked on the door jamb and carried through this part, and the South wall of the Chancel. The South doorway is an earlier type than the North, although both are probably coeval; in both cases the openings are narrow (about 2ft. 7in. wide), and have square jambs and semi-arches composed of voussoirs of small stones and with moulded impost at the springing; in the case of the North door the arch has a small chamfer worked on it and the impost is canted off to adapt itself to it. The latter point indicates the early English feeling which is further distinctly marked in the little rib-mould worked on the mitres of the Western impost. The impost is cut off square at the outer ends. The arch of the South door has a square soffit and the moulding of the impost is earlier in character. The masonry of these older walls is composed of more regularly coursed stones than are found elsewhere. The East wall was apparently rebuilt when the East window was constructed, *circa* 1280, ; previous to this there were flat pilaster-like buttresses at the N.E. and S.E. angles, and the base of one remains at the North side. There are now no buttresses, the splay of the plinth is returned on the North side. It will be observed that some Ham Hill stones have been used in the East window and in the N.E. and S.E. quoins, but not in the earlier parts previously described. The East window is a charming one of three Lancet lights, the head being formed of two stones with a moulded label of refined type over it having carved terminals. The gable over has been rebuilt, a work probably necessitated by the spreading of the side walls, and it is of less thickness than the wall below. A Priests' door coeval with the East window has been inserted in the North wall immediately eastward of the junction of the Nave and Chancel; the outside jambs and arch have been removed and the opening built up. The outer doorway of the South porch is of about the same date, although it has been re-constructed.

There is no trace of any distinctive "Decorated" work.

Late in the 15th century a two-light square-leaded window, without label, was inserted in the walls North and South of the Sanctuary, and the one on the North retains two fragments of its coeval glass. At the same time the portion of the South wall of Nave, westward of the doorway, was rebuilt, and a two-light window of similar type built in. The Porch was probably rebuilt with the wall, and the earlier doorway reset.

Early in the 16th century the western tower (10 ft. square inside) was commenced, but apparently only carried up as far as the top of the lower stage, probably the troubles which succeeded prevented the work being then carried further. This is a typical example of the work of this period, and possesses a mixture of pure and debased features: thus, in the diagonal buttresses, moulded plinth with chamfered base below the three light west

window, and the well-pronounced stair turret the perpendicular feeling is well preserved; but the archway opening into the Nave has a much depressed arch with square soffit and debased roll moulding. The drip stone on the east face of the tower indicates the low pitch of the roof probably put on the Nave and Chancel at that time.

The upper stage of the Tower was not proceeded with until some 60 years later, and the date 1590, with the letters M A cut in the south window of belfry, probably records the date of its erection and the initials of the Rector or the builder. The stair turret is carried up to the top, and a deep embattled parapet carried round the whole. There are the seatings of small pinnacles which have disappeared. There is a two-light window in each face of the belfry stage, with square heads and carved lattice filling. The details of the cornice mouldings and copings indicate the Elizabethan type of Gothic. The lead on the roof of the tower was recast in 1647. A two-light window was inserted in the North wall of the Nave at about the time of the completion of the Tower.

Later alterations in the building are—the rebuilding of the part of the South wall of the Nave eastwards of the door (when a wooden window was formed), and of the part of the North wall westward of the door— in both cases the plinth course was done away with in the process,—and the construction of the present roof. A stone eaves cornice has been preserved all round the the outside throughout the various alterations, and also exists inside the N. wall of the Chancel.

The Font is doubtless coeval with the earliest part of the church, the bowl is octagonal, the sides having pointed arches sunk from the face; this is supported on central shaft and base, all original work and in Purbeck marble. The small outside shafts are modern.

The south door is hung with old hinges. In the churchyard in a base, with a piece of the shaft, of a 14th century cross.

The building has suffered much from insufficient foundations; there can be no doubt that the rebuilding of the parts of walls before referred to were necessitated by this, and even these rebuilt parts are giving way from the same cause."

3. Churchwardens' Accounts—Hinton St. George, Somerset. — Miss Sawyer, of Hinton St. George, has kindly placed at our disposal a book of extracts which she has made from the Churchwardens' accounts of that parish.

The following is the account for the year 1638:—

	s.	d.
Item for nine quarts and halfe of wine and 8d. bread for a communion, April 1st	14	11
For three days for a horse to Wells ..	3	0

	s.	d.
For bread and three quarts and a half of wine for a communion, 26th Aug...	5	9
To John Longe for a strap for a bottle ..		6
To John Limbry for Michaelmas quarter for whipping doggs out of Church	1	0
For bread and six quarts of wine for a communion, 13th Oct.	9	6
For mending the west door and chancel door ..	3	4
For four quarts and a half of wine and 5d. bread for communion, 2nd Dec.	7	2
For a private communion for Mrs. Ley ..		10
Layd out for a communion at Christmas and for a communion at S. Stephen's Day at Mr. Chapple's	11	0
To Joan Long for making clean the church in time of Blickard's sickness		6
5 quarts of wine and 5d. bread for a communion 17 Feb.	7	11
Item for drawinge of a rate for the orgune ..		4
To John Rawe for killing a hedgehog		2
To the ringers on the 27 of March ..	2	0
For three quarts and a half of wine and 3d. bread for a communion on Palm Sunday	5	6
Disbursed this year to poor travellers to the number of 178	14	5
For a communion on Easter Eve one quart of wine and 2d. bread	1	8
Five quarts of wine and 5d. bread for a communion on Easter Day	7	11
1 quart of wine and 1d. bread for a communion on Easter Monday	1	7

As the year was reckoned from March 25th we have in the above account the expenses of two Easter Communions, the first being on April 1st, 1638. Omitting this we find that the Holy Communion was celebrated four times a year, at or about 26 Aug., 17 Oct., 2 Dec., 17 Feb., also on Christmas Day and four times at or about Easter, viz., Palm Sunday, Easter Eve, Easter Day and Easter Monday. We notice that the price of wine at this time was 1s. 6d. a quart. In 1662 5s. was charged for two quarts of "taint" [Tent] for the Sacrament.

The consumption of wine at the four annual celebrations is very large. It seems as if the communicants were in the habit of taking more than the usual sip of the wine, for we find a memorandum dated 15th April, 1539, "Item it was ordered and agreed by the parishioners whose names are underwritten that every communicant shall once in the yeare before Easter pay to the Churchwardens 2d. towards the charge of bread and wine :— Richard Gove, Parson, Frollicke Bailey, Ed. Cheeck, Robert

Chapple, John Bicknell, George James, Adam Helliar, William Bragge, Thomas Cable, Roger Denham, Henry Webbe."

An entry which occurs in 1633 and several subsequent years is as follows:—

	s.	d.
To John James for carrying ye ladder for ye procession	1	0

Mr. Norris explains this as referring to "beating the parish bounds" in Rogation week. He adds "the ladder might have been needed for surmounting walls or fences."

Squabbles about pews are ancient as well as modern; on the 12th April, 1642, it was ordered and agreed by the parish "That for a final end of all differences betwixt George James and John Chapple about the controverted seate in the piew built by John Lye in the body of the church, John Chapple shall have that seate wholly to his use, and that George James shall have the seate built by Robert Chapple at the end of John Drake's seat, in the south ile as a seate wholly to belong to his teniment at Craft for ever; and that in lieu he doth relinquish his right in all that piew which Mrs. Weekes enjoyed in the said ile, and that former seate, leaving them all to the parish to be disposed of. Richard Gove, Parson."

Among the briefs, under date 1662, is a rather curious entry:

	s.	d.
"Collection on a brief for the printing of the Bible in the Kingdom of Lithunana	12	9"

We are much obliged to Miss Sawyer for allowing us to make use of her labours.

EDITOR FOR SOMERSET.

4. THE HUNDRED OF CATASH, SOMERSET.—The following, in the handwriting of the late F. H. Dickinson, of Kingweston, seems worthy of being preserved in *S. & D. N. & Q.*:—

The etymology of the first syllable of the word Catash seems evident. Cat=Cad is the Celtic for "battle," and fits in well with Cadbury (see below). The appropriateness of the name was very evident, when in company with the late Professor Rolleston and the late James Bennett, in 1878, we opened trenches full of human bones in a field on the north side of Cadbury Camp, between the Camp and the place marked Catash in the Ordnance Map.

These bones were not buried but merely thrown without any order into the trenches, and belonged to individuals of all ages, and apparently of both sexes. The number was very great, but in the small part we had time to examine no weapons or clothing were found, and so no clue to their age.

In 1877, on the ploughed fields of Corton Down, on the opposite side of Cadbury Camp, many worked flints and arrow

heads were picked up by the same party, belonging to what was then called the paleolithic period.

"Miss Eliza Hobhouse told me that Catsash was in a field at the edge of the Hundred, on the side of the old road from Ilchester to Sarum, opposite the N. W. Entrance to Hadspen, and that her father had planted three ashes there to mark the place. Greenwood's map makes this hundred extend to that place, and agrees well enough, but the 'Nomina Villarum' places Pitcombe in Bruton Hundred, and an old county rate which could hardly be wrong and seems very careful and elaborate about Pitney Hundred, and Ham, and Somerton, agrees with N.V.

"I cannot help doubting whether Mr. Hobhouse was not wrong, but he was a man who was very careful about such things. I had always supposed that the Catsash was where it is marked in Greenwood and the Ordnance Map, at the other end of North Cadbury, on the same road."

The derivation of the second syllable of the word "Catash" seems somewhat doubtful. There is "Asch" M.E. and "Æsc" A. S. *an ash tree*, but the Celtic for an ash="Ouen."

GILBERT E. SMITH, Barton Parsonage.

5. HEARTH TAX RETURNS FOR DORSET.—There are four bundles of these returns in the Record Office, apparently dated between the years 1663 and 1674 inclusive, but all have suffered so severely from fire or decay that it is rare to find a complete return from any parish, and many parishes are entirely missing. The items given below, copied here and there, are those which seem likely to be of general interest. The number of hearths follows the name of the householder in each case. Names or portions of names in square brackets represent, as far as can be guessed, lost portions of the manuscript.

Ramptisham, William Laurence Esq., 6.
Melbury Sanford, Giles Strangways Esq., 31.
Evershot, Edward Healy 6; Ralph Lax 3.
Little Toller, George Fulford Esq., 10.
Hooke and Witherston, Mr. Obadia Thorne 3; Mr. Henry Minterne 11; George Penny Esq., 5.
Holnest, ...Fitzjames 7.
Yetminster, Edward Meller Esq., 6; Mr. Edward Penny 2; Mr. Locket 5.
Maperton, Mr. Giles Hitt 5; Richard Brodripp Esq., 10; Mr. Munden 5; Mr. Bartholomew Bowyer 4; Mr. John Burt 3: Mr. Richard Ward 1; George Penny Esq., 9; Mrs. Hoskins 7.
Frampton, Thomas Browne Esq., 6.
Little Winsor, Mr. Richard Brayne 3.
Iwerne Courtney, Thomas Freek Esq., 26.
Pokeswell, Henry Henning Esq., 10; Parsonadge howse 3.
Mooreton, William Frampton Esq., 19.
Woodsford, Sir Nathaniel Naper 11.
Catherston, Anthony Floyer Esq., 7.
Melbury Osmond, Mr. Joseph Allen 4.
Shitterton, Mr. John Williams 10.
Wooll, Mr. John Turbervill 4.
Ryme Intrinseca, Mr. John Stroude 8.
Affpuddle, Capt. Edward Lawrence 7; Mr. George Okeden 4.
South Perrot, (in 1670 or 1671) Mr. John Clement 6; (in 1673) Mr. Francis Sands 9.
Symsbury, Mr. Jacob Taylor 4.
Pilsdon, Colonell Wyndham 20.
Compton Villens, Robert Pelham Esq., 13; Pelham 7.

Clifton [*Maubank*], Michael Harvey Esq., 23.
Wootton Fitzpain, Richard Rose Esq., 15.
West Morden, John Bingham Esq., 4.
Clenston, Sir John Morton 14; Mr. John Talbot 3; Mr. Stephen Winter 4.
Bloxworth, George Savage Esq., 16; Mr. George Savage 4.
Blandford St. Mary, Mr. Thomas Chettle 4; Robert Browne Esq., 12; William Thomas Esq., 11.
Stourpayne, Mr. Hussey 5.
[*Tar*]*ent Rawston*, Arthur Radford Esq., 10; The Personadge 5.
Broadwinsor, Mr. William Gollop 7; Mr. Blisset 5.
Deverford, Mr. Joseph Bryant 6.
Drempton, Mr. Giles....16.
Marshwood, Orchard 8.
Stirthill, John Ironside 8; Mr. William Derby 8
Askerswell, Mr. William Lock 3.
Brianston, Sir William Portman 32; Mr. Edward Frampton 8.
Quarleston and Stickland, John Bingham Esq., 11.
Loders, Capt. Robert Larder 7; Mr. Thomas Derby 5.
Canford Magna, Constantine Esq., 10; Webb 15.
Monkton up Wimborne, Carent 14.
[*Wimborne*] *St. Giles*, Earle of Shaston 50.
[*? Horton*] Uvedale Esq., 8.
[*More*] *Critchell*, Naper, Knt., 22.
Little Hinton, Mr. Giles Stagg 8.
Shapwick, Henry Fry 12.
[*? High Hall*], Gilly Esq., 16.
[*? Kingston Lacy and Pamphill*], [Sir Ralph] Banks 35; Sir Ralph Banks 3; Bethell 7.
[*? Wimborne*], Mr. Gillingham for the Schoole and parsonadge howse 12; Henry Derby 6; Pope 8.
[*? Motcombe*], [Whi]taker Esq., 13; Greene 16.
Milton, [in Gillingham], Duedall 8; Robert Dowding 9.
Gillingham, George Freeke 13: Davenant 13.
Shaston Borough, Mr. Chamberlayn 4; Mr. Barnes 8; Mathew Davys Esq., 10; Mr. J. Bannister 9.
Turnewood. Mr. Christopher Twiniho 6.
Shilling Okeford, Mr. Christopher Paulet 4.
[*? Ashmore*], Mr. Edward Rogers 5; Robert Barber Esq., 6; Mr. Richhard Young 4.
Petersham, Mr. Thomas Swayne 4.
Witchampton, Mr. Nickolas Anstey 6.
[*Edmunds*]*ham*, Edward Twyne Esq., 15; Thomas Hussey Esq., 10.
[*Lan*]*gcoates*, Edward Clavell Esq , 8.
Kingston, Mr. Swayne 4; Mr. William Collyns 6.
Beere Regis, [? Turbervill] 18.
Alton Pancras, Thomas Arnold., gent, 9; Mr. Robert Stickland 10.
Minterne, Sir Winstone Churchill 9.
Stoake Wake, James Lydford, Minister, 4.
Abby Milton, John Tregonwell Esq.,24.
Mapowder, Coker Esq., 18.
Buckland Newton, Frampton 6; Mr. John Naper 1.
Thornehull, Thomas Thornhull Esq., 15.
[*Stalbr*]*idge*, Boyle Esq., 30.
Hinton St. Mary, Mrs. Mary Freke 11.
Marnhull, William Fillioll Esq., 10; Mr. John Strangways 4.
Melbury Bubb, John Foy 9.
Newland, Minterne Esq., 8.
Caundle Purse, Hoskyns 14.
Over Compton, John Abington Esq., 10.
Sherborne, Mr. Thorne 6; Henry White 6; William Maltby 13; William Miller 7; George Connington 7.
Long Bridy, John Harding Esq., 11.
Wambrooke, Mr. Chase 4.
[*? Parnham*], Sir John Strode, Knt., 18.
Weeke Regis, Mrs. Edith Waltham 5; Mr. Richard Drake 7.
Tolpuddle, Mr. Hull 14.
Tincleton and Cliffe, Thomas Baynard Esq., 11; Personadge howse 3.
Little Briddy, Edward Miller Esq., 20.
Kingston Russell, John Michell Esq., for four howses, 14.
Maiden Newton, Mr. Huish 7.
[*Cru*]*xton*, Mr. Robert Henning 8.
[*Winford*] *Eagle*, Sydenham Esq., 8.
In Tollerford Hundred [*? West Chelborough*], Mr. Robert Larder 7.
Wayby House, Gould Esq., 12.
Dorchester, Mr. Benjamin Gould 7 John Cubbock 7; Henry Dollinge, Schoolemaster, 10; Two houses in St. Peters Parish 17 and 14 Churchill 15.

Kingston, Giles Strangways Esq., 15; Mr. John Filer 4; George Gray Esq., 16.
Bradford Peverell, Mr. Thomas Meggs 8; Mr. John Jobbins 5.
Winterborne St. Martin....cis Holles, Knt., 11.
[*Maple*]*rton*, Butler Esq., 11.
Milborne St. Andrew, Sir John Morton 22; Mr. King 3; Mr. John Cole 8.
Toller Porcorum, Walter Crump, Clerk, 1; George Fulford Esq., 1.
[*? Chantmarle*], Sir John Strode 13.
Wraxhall and Kincombe, William Laurence Esq., 9.
Anderson and Tompson, Tregonwell Esq., 21; Thomas Cole 15.
Langton Gulden, Mr. Theophilus Wodenoth, Cler., 6.
Langton [*Long Blandford*], Sir John Rogers, two howses, 15.
[*Winterborne*] *Whitchurch*....Esq.,12.

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6. PRODIGIES IN SOMERSET AND DORSET, 1661-2, *concluded* (IV. xxx. 209, xxxi. 249, xxxii. 287.)—

P. 28. Much about the same time, Mistress Oake, the minister's wife of Clifton, in the county of Dorset, who is a New Conformist, leaped into a pool, and drowned herself, the truth whereof is confirmed by letters from persons of unquestionable reputation, who are of the neighbourhood.

P. 30. At a town called Kainton, in the county of Dorset, not far from Sherborne, one Mr. Palmer was minister, who through the importunity of some of his acquaintance and relations, was prevailed with to read the Common Prayer Book; but afterwards was filled with much horror of conscience for it, and spoke to a friend to go to some godly people, and intreat them to pray for Him; and withal signified to him the cause of his trouble. But his terrors and temptations encreasing on him, and falling into the very depth of despondency and despair, did either speak or send to his friend to desist, and to say nothing of what he had told him; and within a very short time after, viz., on the 7th of March 1661/2 did hang himself in his chamber with his consecrated girdle, vulgarly called a Sursingle. This sad story is publickly known throughout the Country, and both much affrighted and astonished many of our late New Conformists in those parts. But some to palliate the business, have given it out that his troubles did not arise from any sense he had of the evil of conforming, but because he had lately laid out a great deal of money upon a purchase, which proved to have a very cracked title, and so was cheated of all his money. Whether this be true de facto, yea or no, is not worthy of a dispute; but that it should be assigned as the cause of his discontent, and of what followed upon it, we can by no means allow, in regard of the sure and undoubted evidence we have of the truth of the whole relation above-mentioned.

P. 37. Upon the 3rd of May, 1662, there happened a dreadful storm of thunder at a town called Cundle-Purse, in the county of Dorset, on the border of Somersetshire, where lived one Dorothy Chapman, a woman of very ill fame in respect of her

conversation. She was noted for cursing, and using very sad imprecations upon any slight occasions. The outer-door of this woman's house was strangely thrown open by this storm; and while she was in the house with her three children, one of which was suddenly cast under the table, another thrown down, and the third carried from the fireside and thrown down in the middle of the house; the woman herself sitting before the fire was struck dead; her clothes down to the waist was very much rent and torn; much of her hair torn from her head, and thrown about the house; her head clothes could not be found ever after. The glass and bars of a window broken out; there was also in a chamber one of the boards, which was part nailed, blown up and then nailed down again, the house was very much rent and torn, both within and without, and nothing all this while seen in the house but smoke, which was accompanied with the smell of brimstone. This whole relation comes from Leonard Chapman, husband to the woman, and her eldest son; they have left the house upon it, and are afraid to live in it any longer.

P. 40. At a town called Bradford, in the county of Dorset, and not far from Dorchester, has settled one Mr. Toope, the minister there. He was a man much for reformation, but of late was strangely overcome to read the Service-Book and to practice some other Canonical conformity against his present light, and former professions; which, the Lord did with a severe hand visit upon him, for immediately after his parts did visibly decline and wither; at length he grew altogether sottish, and was not able to preach at all; and about the 25th of June 1662, was taken away by death. This is publickly known to be true, and very much noted by all the observing People in these parts.

P. 41. At the Grey-hound Inn in Blandford, in the County of Dorset, were stolen some goods of a considerable value: they were laid to the charge of a servant in the house, who not being able to bear the burden of so foul an imputation, went to a Conjurer, who by the help of an Evil Spirit, in a strange and dreadful manner, brought forth him who had indeed stolen the goods away. It proved to be the son of one Violet, a Shoemaker in that town, whose boy was then at Bristol fifty miles from Blandford; but the Evil Spirit brought him over hedge and ditch, and sometimes through the water, and over hills and houses; and at last left him on the top of a wood-pile in Blandford, where he lay crying out, that the devil was at his back, and had fastened his claw in it. His friends hearing of this, fetched him home: the whole town is wonderfully affrighted; he confesseth the thievery of his own accord; but he is still haunted, because he brought not the goods back again: they carried him to bed, and locked him up into a Chamber, and the door being shut, he was fetched away again about midnight, June 25, and carried they know not whither. This is a thing so publickly known, that the whole country rings of it.

P. 44. At a town called (according to our best information) Wichbampton, betwixt Wimborne and Blandford, in the county of Dorset, was settled as Minister, one Mr. Tayler, who had taken the Covenant, and was a Friend to Reformation; but he was drawn by some carnal reasons and motives to conform, wherein he proceeded gradually till at last he arrived at Cathedral Conformity, reading second service at the altar, in all postures. Some godly Ministers taking notice of it, went to him, and argued with him about his practice. At last he expressed a great deal of trouble for what he had done, and began by degrees to relinquish some parts of his conformity. First he waved going up to the Altar and performed the whole service in the desk; afterwards his melancholy still increasing, he left off some grosser and more offensive parts of the Common Prayer: then his trouble growing yet more upon him, he totally laid the book aside; and last of all his preaching also: and presently upon it, on a Lord's day in the morning, about the 13th of July, 1662, he arose early and told his wife he would go down and drink; but being in great horrours of conscience, he cast himself into his well, with his head foremost, and was immediately drown'd. There is very great talk of this sad dispensation of the Lord, toward this poor man and his family, and it is received by all as a certain truth, which none in these parts have the confidence to contradict.

P. 47. Letters from very credible persons, inhabitants of Bridgwater, in the county of Somerset, do assure us, that one in that Towne was the last year extremely active in burning the solemn league and covenant, and was the ringleader of the rabble that offered violence to it. It pleased the Lord, that on the 3rd of August, 1662, at night, this man's house was set on fire and consumed by it, and himself also burn'd in his bed; of which remarkable providence and judgement the whole town hath taken great notice, and made their observations upon it.

P. 47. By letters from very credible persons in the West of England, we are certainly informed, that Mr. How, minister of Thorn-falcon, in the County of Somerset, was a violent stickler against conformity, and (as it is reported) he often said, He would rather be stoned to death than conform. But, afterwards upon some unworthy account (as it is feared) he did against his Light, Conscience, and former Professions and Protestations, receive the mark of the Beast; but before a Lord's Day came about, after he had thus declined and bawked his principles, it pleased God, that a great company of stones were thrown into the room where he was, by an invisible hand, through the windows; he sent out one to see who threw them, but none could be found; yet still the stones came flying in very fast, till at length he caused his window-shuts to be put to; and then they came as fast down at a Jack-hole, or Clock-hole. Thus it continued for several days together, and then ceased; afterwards the stones were thrown in

again for some few days, and then ceased. What effect this strange providence hath had on this man's spirit, and whether these stones have broken his hardened heart, and made him sensible of the proportion which this judgement holds with his sins, we have as yet received no information; only we pray the Lord that he may repent, and give glory to God, lest the stones at last (according to his own imprecation) do execution upon him, as they did upon Achan, because of the wedge of gold and the goodly Babylonish garment, which were found in his tent.

(Rob. How, A.B. was Rector of T.-F. in 1662. The Rectory was vacant in Jan., 1666-7. Weaver, *Somerset Incumbents.*)

E. H. BATES.

7. TYNEHAM NOTES, *continued.* (IV. xxxi. 259, xxxii. 288).—Near the end of this volume is entered—

"An Inventery of Church Property belonging to the Parish of Tyneham.

One silver cup and cover, one silver plate, one linen cloth for the Communion Table and one napkin, one Bible, one book of Common Prayer, one ditto for the Clerk, cloth for the Communion Table and Reading Desk, cloth and cushion for the Pulpit, one surplice, two grave stools, two bells.

Examined April 14th, 1837,
R. Bentley Buckle,
Archdeacon of Dorset."

The Communion Plate has been already mentioned.

On May 21, 1763, 'a Common prayer Book for ye Clerk' had been bought for 6s., and in 1790 it was replaced by a new one for 5s. 6d. In 1801 'for Bindene 2 Church Boocks 1l. 19s. 0d.

In 1756 there was 4s. 6d. 'paid for freng and puten it on for the disk and poolpet Cloth.'

In June, 1776, the large sum of 3l. 9s. 6d. was 'pd for a searpeles.'

In 1802, April 17th, 10s. 6d. is paid to 'Mrs. Edmonds for maken the serples.' In 1756, 'for a quarter of a yard of holen (holland) for the sorples and menden, 2s. 3d.' In the same year 8s. was paid to an artisan who would perhaps now write his name 'Selby'—'paid James Elby for 2 stools and riten of sum thengs in Church.' He also put rungs to the ladder: 'Paid James Elby for Ronging the Church Lather, 1s.'

In 1839 'for 8 yards web, 10s.' and in 1849 'Pair of Girths for Lowering Corpse, 5s.,' were doubtless provided for burials. So also, Dec. 26, 1827, 'for Reparing the Bear, 2s., and in 1844, 12 March, 'Paid in part with Steeple Parish for a Pall, 10s. 6d.' In 1885 a black velvet pall 'for the exclusive use of the Parish of Tyneham' was bought—3l. 5s. 6d. being subscribed.

As regards the bells, '2 Bell roaps' are purchased in 1768 and replaced in 1773, and other years, at prices from 1s. upwards.

One on March 31, 1838, for 2s. 6d. may have been required 'for ringing in the Queen's affairs,' and the new Common Prayer Book costing three guineas (2 January) may likewise have been to honour the name then newly introduced in the prayers for the Sovereign.

In 1756, 'Paid James Elby for 2 Sokets for the Bell Ropes to run in, 1s. 6d.' '1763, Feb. 18. Paid Samell Winser for a gogen for the Bell, 6d., and for noyls, 9d.' In 1784 one of the bells apparently needed repair—'for Carring the Bell from Tinham to Blandford' and 'For Festing (fetching) the Bell from Blandford to Tinham,' 10s. each journey.

Various other expenses occur about the Church: as 1754, 'for fetchen of a Load of Sand to put at Church dore, 1s. 6d.'

1755, 'paid George Cutcut for Clenen the Church Yard this Sumer, 2s.' In 1756, 'G. Cetcot for Clensen ye Churchyard and mending the higg (hedge) 1s. 6d. The glaser for menden the Church winder, 1s.' 1760, 'For fencen and cleanen the Church Yard, 1s. 6d.' 1761, James Elby 'for work and bords about the Sets (seats), 11s. 10d.' 1763, Oct. 2, 'paid Henery Bartlet moyn of Corchard (mowing Churchyard) 6d.' 1782, 'Paid for clean the Church Hard, 2s. Paid for Reepare of the Church Hard Wall, 2s.' 1801, 'for Cleaning the Church after being Whitewashed, 2s. 6d.'

1755. Paid for 2 mats for the Church, 1s. 6d.

1764. Mar. 31, for Cress † for the Chorch porch 3s., for Half Hundred Lim (lime) 6d., and for feching it from Wareham, 1s., for fechen a Load of Ston from Langton, 7s. 6d. July 28, 1809, a team to Encomb for stone for the Church, 12s. 5 Sept., for half a Dozen redgetiles for Church, 2s.

1765. Paid Mr. Winser for Ieren for the hatch, 2s. 1d.

1781. For mending the twest of the north hach, 2d. (? fastening of wicket gate). In 1829, 'Mr. Cures Bill for Turn Stile, 4s.'

1788. 3 matts for the Gallery, 4s. 6d.

1789. James Willcox for hanging the Casement, 6d.

1790. for seven Mats, 7s. 6d. In 1798, for six kneeling Mats, 10s. 1800, for 1 nellen mat 2s. 3d.

1793. for ritten the Church winders, 5s. 6d.

1781. A Bursh for the Curch, 1s. 6d. In 1836, scrubing brush, 1s. In 1844, a long Brush, 1s. 2d.

1788. A lock for the Church Door, 5s. 6d. For a new Chest for the church, 11s.' 1797. Pd for 2 Locks for the Church Chest, 2s. 4d. This gave place in 1813 to an 'Iron Chest, 4l. 15s. 6d.' In 1827, 'A New Lock for Church, 4s.'

1845. 4l. was paid for flooring the seats. These until two years ago were very high and narrow. But as regards the height

† Probably what are called '*Crease-Tiles*,' a corruption (perhaps) of crest-tiles.

Mr. John Bond assures me that they had within his recollection been at least a foot higher, and had been cut down.

In 1872 an American Organ was purchased by subscription, but the old barrel organ remained in the gallery till 1890, where it made an 'Iniquity Corner' for some of the lads. When I took it down I found the skeletons of five birds (starlings, I believe) who had committed suicide (perhaps out of jealousy), and whose corpses may have contributed to Mr. Guy's want of success. The case was sold to the Churchwardens of Steeple, and now serves as a vestry wardrobe. Another of similar pattern is (or was recently) a book-case in Studland National School. Steeple still possesses one of two much larger barrel organs given by the late Canon N. Bond (the pipes of the other now forming the basis of a manual organ in Grange Chapel in the same parish.) The Steeple organ is a curiosity, though excellent of its kind, and has been in occasional use. It contains three barrels with thirty-six tunes, and six stops, and comprises (as has been observed) 'a *handle* Festival' in itself.

On the latest occasion when we had recourse to our mechanical friend, just for old acquaintance sake, the congregation, which for some months had been accustomed to the severer strains of a harmonium, were moved to a 'mirth' which (to adopt Tate and Brady's language) was 'awful' rather than 'sacred' by the grace-notes and 'pious orgies' which had seemed quite natural a few years since. It is not of very high antiquity, however, having the name of "J. W. Walker, London, 1858."

The alms account for parishioners does not fall within the scope of this Churchwarden's book, but we find him occasionally exercising his duty as relieving-officer to strangers. Thus—

1753. Nov. 16, paid a man that came with a pass, 2s.

1754. May the 16th, paid 2 men that Came with a pass that was bornd at Sea, 3s.

1759-60. Jan. 12. Gave several people that came from france with pases, 16s.

1780. 24 April, paid a man that came out of french prison, 4s.

1788. Sept. 17, paid a man that Came with a pas, 4s.

But there were not many beggars who found it worth their while to tramp over the Purbeck hills. In a small parish in Rutland, about 1740-60, one penny was the usual sum to give to a poor man or woman, with or without 'a pass,' and in the Midlands, in 1738, 'Given to a Criple by Consent of 2 or 3 Neigbours, 6d.' was serious and well-considered generosity. But here, in our doubly insular position, we were like the late lamented Madam Blaize, of whom the poet sings,

'The needy *seldom* passed her door
But always found her kind.'

Once or twice a payment was made on Briefs at the time of a Visitation:

1816. July 10, pd for the Brefes, 2s.
1817. July 10, pd for the Brefes, 2s.
1825. May 29, Briefs, 1s.

The Visitations were in fact a principal occasion for expenditure. We may take a specimen from the later period, when there was a second Churchwarden of Tyneham expecting to be paid for his time and journey and dinner.

1817.	July 10, pd for the Regester ..	9 . 6
	pd. for the Artickels	7 . 0
	pd. for the Brefes	2 . 0
	pd. Mr. Witt	10 . 6
	pd. Churchwardens' Expenses ..	£1 . 0 . 0

The Rector appears to have given up receiving his half crown after 1805.

How so large a sum as seven shillings can have been charged for the Articles of Visitation it is difficult to say. Postage may have had something to do with it, if Rector and Wardens had each to pay for their copies. (Thus we find in 1768, 'paid for a leter, 7d,' and in 1796, 'Mr. Garland for a Letter, 6d.')

In 1789, the one Churchwarden had made two payments—'June 10, for the articles of Enquirey, 1s.,' and 'July ye 26th, for the Articels of inquire 8d.' And the entry may have included some other items, such as these which appeared in 1787, 'exhibited ye Terriar, 2s.,' Sept. 1788, 'Exhibited ye Terrior, 2s.'

In 1818 we have on a similar occasion, '30 July. Church Wardens Expense, 1l., for Notice of Confirmation and Visitation, 3s., for the Register, 3s., for Thanksgiving Prayers. 1s., for Notice Visitation, 1s., for Deanery, 9s. 6d., for the Artickels, 7s., Mr. Witt, 10s. 6d.' In subsequent years the 7s. is entered simply 'At Visitation.' In 1825, 'the deanry' is only charged 4s. 9d., but there is 'Acquitance, 5s. 2d.'

CHRISTOPHER WORDSWORTH.

(*To be continued.*)

8. SOMERSET AND DORSET GENTRY, *concluded* (IV. xxxii. 292.)—From Blome's *Britannia*, 1673.

DORSET.

A.

John Abington of Compton Esq.
Hubert Arnold of Armeswell Esq.
Sir John Arundel of Chidiock Knt.

B.

Sir Ralph Banks of Kingston-Hall Knt.
Robert Barber of Ashmere Esq.
Thomas Baynard of Cliffe Esq.
John Bingham of Binghams Melcombe Esq.
Col. Humphrey Bishop of Chilcombe Esq.
Robert Brown of Blandford St. Maries Esq.
Thomas Brown of Frampton Esq.
Edmond Bowyer of Spetsbury Esq.
Robert Boyle of Stalbridge Esq.
The Right Honorable George Digby, Earl of Bristol, Lord Digby of Sherborne, Knight of the Noble Order of the Garter &c.
Charles Brune of Plumber Esq.
Lieut.-Colonel Henry Butler of Hanley Esq.

C.

Thomas Chaffin of Chettle Esq.
Tho. Chettle of Blandford St. Maries Esq.
John Churchill of Muston Esq.
Sir Winston Churchill of Wotton-Glanville Knt.
Roger Clavel of Smedmore Esq.
Robert Coker of Mapowder Esq.
William Collier of Hermitage Esq.
Harry Constantine of Merley Esq.
Robert Culliford of Encombe Esq.

D.

Matthew Davis of Shafton Esq.
Edward Dirdoe of Gillingham Esq.
....Dolling of the Isle of Purbeck Esq.

E.

Thomas Erle of Charborough Esq.
Jo. Every of Wotton Glanville Esq.
Henry Eyre of Woodlands Esq.

F.

William Fauntleroy of Marsh Esq.
William Fillial of Marnhull Esq.
Sir John Fitz-James of Leweston Knt.
William Floyer of Wotton Fitz-paine Esq.
Richard Fownes of Stepleton Esq.
William Frampton of Moreton Esq.
Thomas Freke of Shroton Esq.
George Fulford of White-church Esq.

G.

John Gollop of Bowood Esq.
James Gould of Dorchester Esq.
John Gould of Upway Esq.
George Grey of Kingston Esq.

H.

Sir Will. Hannam of Wimborn-Minster Knt.
John Hardy of Wolcombe Esq.
Michael Harvey of Clifton Esq.
Henry Henley of Coleway Esq.
John Henning of Poxwell Esq.
The Right Honorable Denzil Holles, Baron Holles of Ifield
Sir Francis Holles of Winterborne St. Martins Knt. and Bart.
Sir Edward Hooper of Boveridge Knt.
John Hoskins of Beauminster Esq.
Peter Hoskins of Caundle-Purse Esq.
William Hull of Tolpuddle Esq.
George Hussey of Marnhull Esq.
Joseph Hussey of Tompson Esq.
Thomas Hussey of Edmondsham Esq.

L.

Robert Larder of Loders Esq.
Jo. Lawrence of Grange Esq.
Sir Robert Long of Athelhamston Bart.
Edward St. Lowe of Little Funtmill Bart.

M.

Edward Meller of Little Bredy Esq.
John Michel of Kingston-Russel Esq
Maximillian Mohun of Fleet Esq.
Sir John Morton of Milborn St. Andrews Bart.

N.

Sir Gerard Napier of Middle Marsh hall Bart.
Sir Nath. Napier of Moore-Critchell Knt.
Robert Napier of Puncknol Esq.
Richard Newman of Fifhead Esq.
Sir John Nicholas of Gillingham, Knt. of the Bath.

O.

William Okeden of Critchel Esq.

P.

The Right Honorable John Lord Paulet, &c., of Buckland.
Robert Pelham of Compton Esq.
Capt George Pley of Weymouth Senior
Sir William Portman of Bryanston Knt. of the Bath and Bart.

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George Rives of Rawston Esq.
John Rives of Damary Esq.
Sir John Rogers of Edmonsham Knt.

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The Right Honorable James Cecil, Earl of Salisbury, Viscount Cranborne, Lord Cecil of Essendon, &c.
The Right Honourable Anthony Ashley, Earl of Shaftsbury, Baron Cooper of Paulet, Lord Chancellor of England, &c.
George Savage of Bloxworth Esq.
Robert Seymer of Handford Esq.
William Sidenham of Winford-Eagle Esq.
Laurence Squibbe of White-church Esq.

John Still of Shafton St. James Esq.
Col. Giles Strangways of Melbury-Samford, one of the Knights of the Shire, son of Sir John lately deceased, one of the Burgesses for Weymouth.
John Strangways of Bridport Esq. son of Colonel Giles, one of the Burgesses of Bridport.
Sir John Strode of Parnham Knt.
Richard Swayne of Gunvile Esq.

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Edward Thornhull of Thornhull Esq.
Thomas Thornhull of Winfrith Esq.
Richard Tiderleigh of Tiderleigh Esq.
John Tregonwell of Milton-Abbay Esq.
John Tregonwell of Anderston Esq.
Thomas Trenchard of Wolveton Esq,
Sir John Turbervile of Beer-Regis Knt.

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Henry Whitaker of Motcombe Esq.
Charles White of Fettleford Esq.
Robert Williams of Herringston Esq.
The Right Honorable John Paulet, Marquess of Winchester, Earl of Wiltshire, Lord St. John of Basing, &c., at Hook-Park.
Sir Hugh Windham of Litton Knt. one of the Barons of the Exchequer

E. H. BATES.

9. RENTAL OF LYDLINCH MANOR.—The following is the copy of a document kindly sent by Mr. John Batten, and purporting to be a summary of the rents payable within the manor of Lydlinch, Dorset. To judge by the names it contains, the date of the Rental is about the middle of the 17th century.

A Rentall of Lidlinch Mañer.

	Capons.		l.			
Lidlinch						
Lease	2	John Vowles	2.	0.	0.	Her. 10s.
Hids.*	1	John Lambert	0.	10.	0.	Her. 10s.
	1	John Lambert	0.	5.	0.	Her. 10
	1	Henry Frost	0.	10.	0.	H. 10
	1	Thomas Snooke	0.	13.	4.	Her. 10
	1	Mr. Weekes	0.	13.	4.	Her. 10 [this line crossed off]
Lease	2	Thomas Barons holds by ye Life of Will. Roggers of Iberton.	1.	6.	8.	Her. opt. bo. or 12. 16s. 8d.
Hids.		Nicholas Fill	2.	10.	0.	Her. 12.
		Nicholas Fill Coppy and Ann Fill	1.	9.	8.	Her. opt. bon.
Lease	2	Nicholas Fill	3.	6.	4.	Her. opt. bonū.
		Nicholas Fill for browns	0.	13.	4.	
		Ellisabeth Gillingham	1.	5.	0.	Her. op. bon.
		John Oldys	1.	1.	4.	He. op. bon.
		John Snooke	1.	8.	4.	He. op. bon.
		Christopher Eyers	0.	6.	0.	

* A part of the manor was called Hids or Huids—originally no doubt Hide.

		Auis Yongue, Kedle	0.	16.	0.	Her. op. bon.
		John Oake	0.	2.	0.	
		John Deuall	0.	7.	4.	Her. op. bon.
		Thomas Fookes	0.	7.	8.	Her. op. bon.
		George Yongue	0.	7.	8.	Her.
		Christopher Stoodly	0.	7.	8.	Her.
Lease	2	Richard Turner	1.	5.	8.	Her. l2. 10s.
		Joseph Hopps	0.	1.	4.	
		George Framton	5.	6.	8.	
		Richard Michill	0.	14.	6.	H. op. b.
Lease	2	Thomas Forwad	1.	0.	0.	
	2	Roger Mullings	1.	19.	4.	
Lease		Ramsbury Farme	6.	13.	4.	
		Jone Romayne wid.	0.	19.	0.	Her. op. bon.
		Ricard Swayne	0.	10.	6.	Her. op. bon.
		Jams Carter	0.	9.	0.	
		Will. Snooke	0.	2.	0.	
		Richard Gillingham	0.	6.	0.	
		John Fill	0.	0.	8.	
Lease	2	Richard Romayne	1.	0.	0.	Her. l2.
Hids.	1	Richard Roman	0.	9.	0.	
Hids.	1	Richard Romayne	3.	3.	4.	Her. l1.
Hids.	2	Nicholas Roman. 2 Leases	5.	0.	0.	Her. l1. 13s. 4d.
	2	Nicholas Roman	1.	8.	0.	Her. op. bon.
	24	Capons	50.	1.	8.	

Free holder.

	s.	
Georg Frampton	4.	
Mr. Galpen	0.	6
Mr. Forwad	0.	6
Mr. Bartholomew Roman	1.	6
Mr. Chick	0.	6
	7.	0
ye Churchwardens	1.	

10. Two Somerset Worthies, Father and Son, *continued* (IV. xxxi. 247, xxxii. 285.)—William Dodington, the son of Christopher Dodington, had an elder brother George, of Lincoln's Inn and of Wells, Somerset. George appears to have been born in the year 1646, as he died in the month of March, 1698, at the age of 52*. William, who came next to him, was buried in the parish church of Cheddar, April 2nd, 1708, and by a curious coincidence, precisely 10 years to a day after his brother had been buried in Wells Cathedral, a coincidence which seems almost to

* Wells Cathedral. Jewers, p. 70.

have been designed, as eleven days had elapsed since his death, before his body was buried. The date of his birth, therefore, was 1649-50, the year in which Charles I. was beheaded. As a boy he must have heard much of the sequestration of his father's property. He must have been able to remember the troubles of the Great Rebellion and the rejoicing at the Restoration of Charles II. to the throne. He must have been familiar with the events of the reign of the restored monarch. He was 36 years of age when the battle of Sedgmoor was fought, and it is certain that he had business dealings with the famous Judge Jefferies as early as the year 1676. He is styled William Dodington of London, and afterwards of Lambeth, county Surrey, property at Lambeth having come to him through Edith, daughter of Thomas Rookes, stationer, of London, whom he married on Oct. 2nd, 1677. A book of his private memoranda, already referred to, dating from the year 1676, has come down to us, by which it appears that he had chambers in New Inn and an extensive practice as an attorney at law. This book travels over two and thirty years of his life, and contains notes as to people, places, and events connected with this county at that time, besides rough drafts of letters to clients and appointments with them at various inns and coffee taverns in London, and journeys into Essex on a business which took him from time to time to Loughton and Barking. For our present purpose we will refer to his correspondence on matters connected with his estate at Horsington. Here are three letters, two to his woodward and one to a tenant of one of his farms.

To his woodward he writes—

"A. Bussell

I never recd a letter from Mr. Seamer yor ffreind nor of you lately ffarmer King was at my house lately I was at a stand what to doe and allsoe was afraid that I should be disappoynted in getting of a tenant to my mind and soe to have been left in ye sudds; this is to satisfye you that I have signed Articles with my old tenant therefore I thought fitt to give you this notice that you may informe Mr. Seamer hereof to p'vent him from goeing to Wells pray be mindfull of my wood that I be not wronged what you lay out of pockett in post letters on my acc't sett it downe in yor acc't And I will allow it you.

I am yor Lov. Landlord W.D.

8 Jan. 1701.

"A. Bussell

I writt to you by Thursdays post w'ch may serve for an answer to ffarmer Seamer, and allsoe to your letter dated 7 instant w'ch I rec'd yesterday. I doe not understand wherein I have wronged Mr. Seamer, or Mr. Seamer ffarmer King As for my part If ffarmer King would not have come to my p'posalls I was at Liberty to lett my Estate to whom I please And I beleive I should have trusted ffarmer Seamer therewith. As for ffarmer King to say that Mr. Seamer hath wronged him, I say noe, because if Mr. Seamer and ffarmer King had both left me in ye sudds, And if there was no other p'son that would have come to my p'posalls I would have come and lived at Horsington myselfe. As to ffarmer King I do assure you that he hath nothing to doe with Cherriton Wood but only you must lett him have halfe an Acre of Wood yearly till Lady Day 1703,

according to agreement which you know is his due And you are to doe justice betweene us perhaps my wife might speake to ffarmer King to sup'vise you that you might not wrong me, And I hope you will not, And I doe trust to your honesty. And I doe think you are a fitt person to looke after my Wood as formerly because of yor habitacon Pray returne my humble service to Mr. Randall ffarmer Abbott and his Brother. I have written to ffarmer King by this very post. I am W.D.

10 Jan. 1701."

To his tenant he writes—

"ff King

I rec'd. a letter from Couzen Davis that he saw you at Wells. I am glad you gott safe home. I writt to my Woodward by thursdays post. I rec'd. a long letter from him yesterday I have written to him this very post I desire you to show him this letter and that he would show you ye letter I sent him by this post ffor that I am willing to oblige all people soe as I doe not injure myselfe I doe assure you I doe putt a trust in you as to my ffarme Soe I doe putt my Confidence in my Woodward that he will not wrong me in my woods he is a fitt p'son to looke after my Wood because of his habitacon I hope you will not lett Mr. Wickham* the Parson runn my Woodward downe I would have him doe us both justice as to ye Tyths my humble service to Madam Gifford Madam ffarewell ye widdow and allsoe to Mr. Wickham I hope wee shall all live in Charity one with another which is the hearty prayr of your most Lov. Ldlord to serve you. W.D.

10 Jan. 1701.

My wife and I doe pr'sent our kind love to you and yor wife."

There are several things in these letters that strike us. His being "at a stand" what to do, expressing his doubts; his fear that he shall be left "in the sudds," to express falling between two stools as we should say. The traits of character that come out in his desire to repay the postages of his correspondent, his being willing, as he says, to oblige all people so that he did not injure himself, his hope that "we shall all live in Charity one with another" give us the picture of a shrewd man of business not forgetful of self interest. The mention of "Couzen Davis" reminds us of his Wells connexions through his sister Margaret, the wife of John Davis of the parish of S. Cuthbert.

"Couzen Davis" was strictly his nephew, being his sister Margaret's son. This was the Peter Davis who for many years was Recorder of Wells, and whose monument is to be seen in the Cloister of Wells Cathedral. He was of Lincoln's Inn, and his praise is this, that he was "a man eminently learned in the laws of his country and distinguished by a faithful administration of them;—in all things sincere."

In writing to Peter Davis, William Dodington subscribes himself "Your most loving uncle to serve you." This is in a letter of September 20, 1701, from "New Inne" and may be given for its local interest and its mention of "Cock Faire." He addresses his nephew as "Dear Couz," tells him he had received

* Thomas Wickham, rector 1686-1725, mentioned in Somt. Archæological Proceedings XVI. Pt. I., p. 30, as having placed a sun-dial on the Cross at Horsington in 1708.

£295 "by yor ordr for yor use of Thomas ffoster of North Peatherton in yor County," and then he adds:—

"Tho ffoster will *call at Wells* w'th ye £295 note as he goes home, pay him in silver because Mr. Bickham expects his £208 in gold at *Cockfaire* therefore secure gold for him, and then you will oblige him; as for *Cockfaire* Mr. Bickham or ffoster will tell you at what place it is kept at. This day being ye 20th, I p'd in £183 10s. to Mr. *John Trollope* for ye use of *Scorie Barker* Esq. I acquainte Mr. Trollope of ye £100 Bill of exch. and allsoe Esq. Barker by 1d. post* of ye same matter and that when rec'd. I would pay in ye £100 to Mr. Trollope and that I had pd. him £183 10s. this day for Esq. Barker's use. I rec'd. yor other letter yesterday Mr. Whitlock hath putt me of severall times abt ye paymt. of his £70 10s. 6d. I am unwilling to doe it till his wife acknowledges ye ffine w'ch is to Ch. Baron gen and Wm. Maundrell I showed him ye Capc'on† he told me you showed him it before; I was a little unsatisfyed, because it was not in pursuance of ye Deed Esq. Whitlock told me it was rght enough Munday next his wife will passe ye ffine she has not beene well of late.

Chilcocke's business I have appointed Tuesday next because my *L. C. J. Trevor* will be in Towne then Mr. Cremer's £16 I will pay Munday morneing next as I come from Lambeth.

Somersett John Gilford gen and Tattian ux ejus are the Counsors Charles Baron gen is ye Counzee in this ffine You desired an acct. of this in yor letter of the 15th instant. I shall write to you by ye next post.

I am yor most loving Uncle to serve you.

Wm. Dodington.

20 Decr. 1701.

New Inne."

Out of this letter several entertaining observations may be made. Mr. Bickham expecting his £208 in gold reminds one of John Evelyn's note in his Diary of March 16th, 1680. "To London to receive £3000 of my daughter's portion which was paid in gold," something being known of bi-metallism even in those days. Cockfaire was held on January 8th, and was a fair of no small importance in the County although it has now lapsed. Mr. Bickham or ffoster would have to tell "Couz Davis" that it was kept at Cock Hill, a spot on the Polden hills between Glastonbury and Bridgwater, made famous since then by Mr. Jennings in his verses, entitled "Jerry Nutty," who came here in his tramp,

"Za when a got upon Cock-hill
Upon a linch a zawt
The zun had climmered up tha sky;
A voun it very hot."

The mention of Lord Chief Justice Trevor recalls Lord Macaulay's account of him‡ as a protégé of Jeffreys and as one who had him bred half a pettifogger and half a gambler and could on occasion imitate not unsuccessfully the vituperative style of his patron. 1695, March 16, "Saturday ye Commons of England

*Dockwra in 1680 set on foot a Penny Post for London, as a private enterprise.

† Capc'on=Caption, a term in law meaning a Certificate when a Commission is executed, and the Commissioners' names subscribed and returned.

‡ Hist. of England, vol. I, page 512, cf. also Diary of John Hervey p. 22.

expelled Sir Jno. Trevor (their Speaker) the House for taking 1000 guinezs upon the passage of the Orphans Bill."

Among the friends at Wells with whom William Dodington was intimately connected were the orphan children of the Chancellor of the diocese, Dr. John Bayly. Five children had been born to John and Eiizabeth Bayly, the two eldest of whom had died in infancy, and the three youngest had been left orphans at the ages of seven, six, and two years. The father survived the mother little more than three months, both dying at the end of 1688, a memorable period. The Chancellor had been married some thirteen years before to a daughter of Edward Berkeley of Pylle, a woman of noble qualities, if we may judge by the praise bestowed upon her in the inscription over her grave.

George Dodington the brother of William, perhaps out of compassion for the fatherless and motherless children, had left a legacy of £150 to be divided between them, they being at his death, of the age of seventeen, sixteen and twelve. William however seems to have had some difficulty in money matters with Colonel Berkeley, their uncle as we may suppose and a recipient also of a legacy from George. These details are necessary to explain the contents of the following letters :—

"Hond. Sir

I have severall tymes written to you & allsoe waited upon you in London concerning the monyes due on yr bonds & the Legacyes payable to you & Dr. Baylyes 3 children according to my Brother's will I ['and my wife' erased in original] are very uneasy because this matter is not settled between us.

['I have a large family of children to provide for And therefore I am bound to take care for them in my life tyme so as p'vent law suites after my decease.' Erased in original.]

I have formerly given you an acct. how matters stands betweene us your are indebted to my Brother by bond dated 22 August 1694 condiconed to pay £154 10s. on ye 23 of ffebry following and allsoe by another bond dated 22 of Decemb 1697 for ye payment of £50 and interest upon demand soe that on ye 31 March next there will be £69 5s. 6d. due for interest of ye £200 principall money lent you as I doe compute ye same.

If you please to pay in £150 to me on acct. of Dr. Bayly's children and allsoe give Discharge of yor legacy I will deliver up yor two bonds. I shall be willing to doe anything that is reasonable as to Dr. Baylyes children my brother Davis doth partly know my mind in this matter therefore I intreat you to lett me and him know yor resolution herein in a short time.

Wh. is all from yr ———"

"Dear Couz

Collonl Berkeleys bond is dated 22 August 1694. £300 to pay £154 10s. on ye 23 ffebry next. A note under his hand and seale for paym'nt of £50 and interest upon demand dated 22 Decr. 1697 he binds his heirs in ye note it is without.

I doe compute there is abt £15 due for interest on both bonds at my Bro. decease.

I have considered the whole matter If he or his eldest sonn or any other Security will give me their bonds that ye sd. Baylys 3 children shall give Legal discharges when of age or married then for quietness sake I give ye sd. Coll.

Berkelye and his sonn 3 bonds condiconed to pay each child £10 apeece when of age on receiving ye discharges Note Coll Berkeley is to give me his discharge for his £100 Legacy then I will dd up ye 2 bonds to ye Coll. If he doth not approve of this lett me know his mind for I am ready to pay ye £150 into ye Cort of Chancery. If he be minded to sue me I am resolved to pay noe interest any otherwise then as above sd.

Yor lov. Uncle,
3 June 1701. W.D."

Another letter to his nephew comes next in order:—

"If you doe order me to pay £37 10s. according to Mr. Wallis his order under his owne hand or Judge Blincowes hand then I must raise it out of Scorie Barker's bills or Barnard's £81 bill if any of them are paid before I goe out of Town. I beleive I shall goe out of London by ye 3rd or 4th of August next pray lett me know in yor next whether I shall bring all my vouchers with me or noe & what bills. I doe not designe to be in Wells at the Assize. I beleive Coll. Berkeley will be at yor house then ye eldest of the Baylyes children will be of Age ye 22 of Sept. next. I have sent a letter to him intimating that you and I doe designe to waite upon him then in order to settle our matters pray psent my humble service to him & putt him in mind of my letter when you doe see him I am almost spent with writeing therefore doe not thinke it to much trouble for you to read it over.

I remaine yor most Lov. & affect uncle, W.D.
25 July 1702 New Inne."

JAMES COLEMAN.

(*To be continued.*)

11. DORSET ADMINISTRATIONS.—*Continued.*—(II. ix. 10, x.49, xi. 78, xii.113, xiii. 150, xiv. 178, xv. 217, xvi. 242, III. xvii. 8, xviii. 57, xix. 94, xx. 151, xxi. 183, xxii. 233, xxiii. 279, xxiv. 323, IV. xxv. 11, xxvi. 38, xxvii. 77, xxviii. 123, xxix. 173, xxx. 209, xxxi. 251, xxxii. 298).

1658 (*continued*).

Folio.	Name of Deceased.	Parish.	Grantee and Relationship to deceased.	Date of Administration.
132	Locke, Anne	Stalbridge	Robert Longman, Richard Drinkwater and Robert Kimber, guardians of William, James, Ann, John and Margaret, children of deceased	14 June, 1658
39	Lockyer, Robert	Holton, St. Martin's, Wareham	William Davis, sister's son; Richard Lockyer, brother, and Joane Davis, sister of deceased, renouncing	11 Feb., 1658
185	Mannell, George	Morden	Alice, relict	14 July, 1658
293	Newman, Hugh	Bexington	Joane, relict, and Hugh, son	23 Nov., 1658
184	Olliff, Arthur	Alderholt	Arthur, son	14 July 1658
338	Oliver, Richard	Blandford	Ursula Neale al's Olliver, relict	2 Dec., 1658
39	Osborne, Jonathan	Dorchester	Nathaniel, brother	16 Feb., 1658
338	Parrett, John	East Stower	Ann, relict	18 Dec., 1658
40	Pate, William	Fryer Waddon	Margaret, relict	27 Feb., 1658
71	Penny, John	Sturminster Newton	Joane, relict	13 Mar., 1658

Folio.	Name of Deceased.	Parish.	Grantee and Relationship to deceased.	Date of Administration.
86	Perry, Matthew	Silton	Rachel, wife of Thomas Hinton, only daughter; Mary, relict, renouncing	16 Apl., 1658
214	Pittman, William	Sherborne	George, brother	17 Aug., 1658
86	Pope, Nicholas	Manston	Rachel, relict	16 Apl., 1658
11	Prince, John	Bridport	Lydia, relict	4 Jan., 1658
184	Radford, Katherine	Shaftesbury	Joane Uvedale, relict and executrix of Richard Uvedale of good not administered by him: former grant February, 1653	6 July, 1658
39	Randall, John	Mouncton Up Wimborne	Edith, relict	11 Feb., 1658
220	Richman, John	Cranborne but died at Whitechapel, Middlesex	Mary, relict; letters granted to Prudence, pretended relict, revoked	14 Aug., 1658
40	Samwayes, Thomas	Bryanston	Joane, relict	23 Feb., 1658
233	Serrell, Gawen	Chardstock	John and Edward, sons	2 Sep., 1658
102	Scott, George	Sherborne	Robert, brother	11 May, 1658
86	Shave, Edward	Ash	Elizabeth, relict	3 Apl., 1658
338	Shelter, John	Shaftesbury	Amy, relict	18 Dec., 1658
114	Sherring, Mary	Lillington	James, son	27 May, 1658
132	Smith, Christopher, miller	Alderholt	Joane, relict	21 June, 1658
233	Stickland, Robert	Winfrith, Newburgh	John, son	18 Sept., 1658
338	Swyer, Nicholas	Durweston	Margaret, relict	2 Dec., 1658
233	Thorne, John	Sherborne	Henry Ashhurst, guardian of John and Sarah, children of deceased; Rebecca, relict, renouncing	24 Sept., 1658
132	Thorne, William	Dorchester	Henry, son	25 June, 1658
233	Trenchard, William	Askerswell	Agnes, wife of Nicholas Tupp, danghter	2 Sept., 1658
283	Vincent, John	East Luxworth	Elizabeth, relict	26 Nov., 1658
39	Wareham, Christopher	Funtmill	John, brother	17 Feb., 1658
114	Wayman, Robert	Kingston, Great Canford	Katherine, relict	22 May, 1658
71	White, Philip	Botenhampton	Fulbrooke White, son	18 Mar., 1658
11	Williams, Thomas	Toller Porcorum	Agnes, relict	18 Jan., 1658
86	Woodman, Richard	Bishops Caundle	Joane, relict	27 Apl., 1658
			1659.	
333	Arnold, Henry	Ilsington	Judith, relict (further grant 15 Dec., 1668)	8 Oct., 1659
129	Baker, Peter	Samory (*sic*) co. Dorset	Edith, relict	30 Apl., 1659
253	Barnes, Mary	Parley	James Plowman al's Barnes and Joane Corbin al's Barnes, brother and sister of deceased	9 June, 1659

Folio.	Name of Deceased.	Parish.	Grantee and Relationship to deceased.	Date of Administration.
17	Bayley, John	Allington	Alice, relict	3 Jan., 1659
53	Bird, Judith	Whitchurch	Thomas Seaward, brother	14 Feb., 1659
176	Bole, Richard	Horsey Melcombe	Joyce, relict	28 May, 1659
53	Bradrepp, Christopher	Maperton	Katherine, relict	16 Feb., 1659
175	Byle, Robert	Child Ockford	Dorcas Dale al's Byle, relict	2 May, 1659
255	Checkford, Joane	Leeson in Langton, Purbeck	Richard, son	29 June, 1659
332	Chepman, Henry	Tolepuddle	Judith, relict	7 Oct., 1659
255	Child, Henry	Armswell	Nathaniel Child, uncle and guardian of Dorothy, John, Richard and James children of deceased; Elizabeth, relict, renouncing	29 June, 1659
17	Churchill, Barnard	Chaldon	Mary, relict	31 Jan., 1659
100	Clare, William	Allington	Agnes, relict	30 Mar., 1659
262	Cole, John	Allhallows, Upwimborne	Sarah, relict	30 July, 1659
53	Cook, John	Brappole	Mary, relict	16 Feb., 1659
18	Coombe, Thomas	Pulham	William Coombe, principle creditor	29 Jan., 1659
253	Cottman, William	Lichett Matrevers	Martha, relict	6 June 1659
52	Cox, John	Charmouth	John, son	9 Feb., 1659
53	Cross, William	Wotton Fitzpaine	Joane, relict	15 Feb., 1659
53	Dashwood, Robert	Moore Critchell	Mary, relict	15 Feb., 1659
253	Daubney, Judith	Gorwell	George, husband	22 June, 1659
53	Davy al's Wheeler John	Stockland	Richard, brother	14 Feb., 1659
100	Fisher, John	Sherborne	Elizabeth, relict	30 Mar., 1659
100	Fry, Roger	Burton	Maud, relict	25 Mar., 1659
128	Hallett, Henry	SheptonGeorge	Joane, relict	1 Apl., 1659
253	Hardy, Thomas	Charminster	Nicholas and John, brothers	13 June, 1659
17	Hascoll, Joseph	Shaston	Katherine, relict	15 Jan., 1659
254	Hayward, Edith	East Compton	Henry Bartlet, brother's son	22 June, 1659
100	Hobby, Elizabeth	Corfe Mullen	Susanna, daughter	18 Mar., 1659
100	Hodder, John	Charmouth	Elizabeth, relict	19 Mar., 1659
176	Hooke, William	Charlton Marshall	Joane Hooke al's Harding, relict	21 May, 1659
99	Hulett, Robert	Cramborne	Honor, relict	8 Mar., 1659
53	Hurman, John	Shaston	Richard, brother	11 Feb., 1659
332	Jackman, Laban	Stratton	Ann, relict	7 Oct., 1659
253	Jeanes, William	Horton	Dorothy, relict	21 June, 1659
253	Keech, William	Chiddock	Joane, relict	7 June, 1659
99	Markes, Daniel	Milborne Stileham	Henry, only son	14 Mar. 1659
52	Martin, Nicholas	Long Bredy	Mary, relict	4 Feb., 1659
381	Melledge, Johnson	Poole	Alice, relict	9 Dec., 1659

Folio.	Name of Deceased.	Parish.	Grantee and Relationship to deceased.	Date of Administration.
141	Miller, William	Weymouth but died in ship "Bramble" in State Service.	Joane, relict	13 Apl., 1659
100	Mory al's Wills, John	Broadwinsor	Katherine Sprake al's Mory al's Wills (relationship not given)	25 Mar., 1659
333	Mullens, Roger	Sherborne	Barnaby and Ralph Mullens, sons; Joan, relict, renouncing	8 Oct., 1659
128	Mullett, Dorothy	Motcombe	William Mullett, father	30 Apl., 1659
17	Oliver, Ann	Holt Lodge, Wimborne Upminster	Charles, son	12 Jan., 1659
17	Oliver, Richard	Holt Lodge, co. Dorset	Charles son; of goods not administered by Ann, relict of Richard Oliver, also deceased	12 Jan., 1659
369	Ovett, William	Chideock, but died abroad in State service	Elizabeth, relict	8 Dec., 1659
100	Perham, Robert	Wareham	Morgan Meech, creditor	21 Mar., 1659
381	Powell, John	Poole	Jane, relict	9 Dec., 1659
304	Reed, William	Lyme	William, son	17 Sept., 1659
52	Reynold Edward	MelburyAbbas	Morgan, father	9 Feb., 1659
255	Russell, George	Hampreston	Ann, relict	29 June, 1659
253	Samwayes, Emm	Portsham	Jeffrey Samwayes, father	18 June, 1659
53	Sansome, Charles	Woborne	Mary, mother	18 Feb., 1659
332	Scutt, John	Affpuddle	Avice, relict	7 Oct., 1659
254	Shave, John	Sturminster	Joane, relict	23 June, 1659
128	Sheave, John	Hertly GreatMinterne	Agnes Sheave al's Bewsey, daughter	15 Apl., 1659
129	Somers, Ann	Bradford	Robert Pittman, principal creditor	19 Apl., 1659
332	Starr, Robert	Dorchester	John, brother	7 Oct., 1659
382	Stoakes, John	Lyme Regis	John, only child	13 Dec., 1659
53	Stoodleigh, Peter	Bridport	Joane, relict	14 Feb., 1659
52	Stote, Thomas	Ewerne Minster	William, son	9 Feb., 1659
52	Vincent, John	Povington	Brewen Vincent, brother	3 Feb., 1659
188	Wade, Richard	Symondsbry but died on ship "Bristol" in States Service	Jane, widow, mother	21 May, 1659
53	Wheeler al's Davy	see Davy		
175	Wilcox, Thomas	Beer Regis	William, brother; ——— relict, renouncing	7 May, 1659
99	Williams, Edward	Weymouth	Henry, brother	11 Mar., 1659
100	Wills al's Mory	see Mory		
253	Young, Thomas	Manston	Mary, relict	21 June, 1659
128	Younge, William	Poole	Temperance, relict	11 Apl., 1659

(*To be continued.*) GEO. S. FRY.

NOTE.—1657. Fry, George, his relict should be Em Fry, not Ann Fry (see IV. xxxii. 362).

12. HERALDRY OF WELLS CATHEDRAL. — In Harl. MS., 1559, are a very few shields of arms from churches entitled, "Notes taken at the Visitation of Somerset, 1591." Unfortunately, they give little information beyond the shields which are roughly tricked; among these are said to be some "In Wells Church;" this doubtless means Wells Cathedral, as three out of the twelve shields may still be seen there. The numbers refer to the order in which the shields stand in the MS., and are given for convenience of reference. Not having seen the MS. until recently, the arms do not appear in my book on the heraldry of the Cathedral. It may, therefore, be interesting to place them on record here.

I. Quarterly, 1 *Two lions pass. in pale.* 2 *A saltire, and on a chief two escallop shells.* 3 *A chev. within a bord. eng.* 4 *Fretty.* These are the arms of, (1) Strangways. *Sa. two lions pass. paly of six arg. and gu.* (2) Tailboys. *Arg. a saltire gu., on a chief of the last three escallop shells of the first.* The shells are sometimes gold, and in this instance are probably reduced in number to two for difference although not given by Papworth. (3) Stafford of Southwyck, co. Dorset. *Or a chev. gu. within a bord. eng. sa.* (4) Maltravers of Hooke. *Sa. fretty or.* Sir Humphrey Stafford, brother of John Stafford, Bishop of Bath and Wells, married, Alice, da. & h. of Sir John Maltravers of Hooke, and had issue Sir John, *ob.s.p.*, and Alice, who married Walter Tailboys and was mother of Eleanor wife of Thomas Strangwayes.

II. *Sa. a chev. erm. betw. three shovellers arg.* imp. *Sa. three pales wavy arg. on a chief of the first three crescents arg.* This is probably Stanter of Horningsham, co. Wilts, (although the arms are generally said to have the addition of a bordure argent) imp. Lambroke, *Paly wavy of six or, and sa. on a chief of the second three crescents arg.*

III. Stanter as before, imp. *Or, a bend gu. betw. six escallop shells az.* Papworth does not give this coat, possibly the colours are wrong, and it may be Cotterell or Fuljambe.

XII. This shield, though drawn last, is placed here as it belongs to the same family as number three. Quarterly (1) Stanter as before. (2) *Arg. two glaziers' snippers in saltire sa. betw. four pears or, all within bord. eng. of the second.* Kelloway or Kelway. (3) *Arg. a chev. betw. three escallop shells sa.?*.....(4) *Gu. a stag's head caboshed arg.*.....over the first of these quarters is written to explain the charges "3 dookes." William Kelway of Sherborne, co. Dorset, married a da. of Stanter of Horningsham, co. Wilts, as his second wife, so that this shield would appear to be incorrectly marshalled. There is a pedigree of Stanter in Sir R. C. Hoare's *History of Modern Wilts*, Vol. I., part ii., p. 48.

IV. *Barry of six or and az. semée of fleurs-de-lis*, 4, 3, 4, 3, 2, 1, *counterchanged;* below this is written "on a tomb." This tomb,

or any rate all trace of the arms on it, has disappeared, but there is a very ancient shield among the fragments of old glass in the windows of the Lady chapel, Barry of six or and vert, each bar charged with small charges something like lozenges, but very possibly fleurs-de-lis counterchanged, being obscured by the leading and dirt. *Barry of six or and vert, semée of fleur-de-lis counterchanged*, is a coat of Mortimer, and as Roger de Mortimer (Mortuo Mari) was Archdeacon of Wells in 1338, both shields no doubt belong to him.

V. *Erm. a fess gu.* Bitton, "on a tomb." No trace of these arms remain, but that the two Bishops of Bath and Wells of this name were of the family bearing these arms is shown by the pedigree in my book, pp. 287, 288.

VI. *Erm. a chief sa.* borne, according to Papworth, by Angus, Belfield of co. Lincoln, and by Okesley or Orkesley.

VII. *Erm. on a chief or three roses gu.* This coat is not given by Papworth; if the chief was gu. and the roses or, it was the coat of Sir John Foulthebury of co. Bedford. Neither of these names appear to be connected with Wells. The question occurs: Has this coat been correctly noted, or could it be the patched and somewhat doubtful coat remaining in one of the windows of the aisle on the north of the choir, and at the foot of which is the name of Dean Woleman? The name of Richard Wolman is written in the MS. under shield III., but it certainly does not belong to that coat. The arms in the window just mentioned will be found described at p. 144 of *Wells Cathedral, its Monuments and Heraldry.*

VIII. *Erm. on a chief gu. two bucks' faces or.* This is probably de Harptre.

IX. *Quarterly or and az. four swans' necks couped counterchanged.* Drokensford. This and the last coat are both to be still seen on the tomb of Bishop Drokensford. The coat is proved to be that of Drokensford from being on the seal of Philip Drokensford, nephew to the Bishop.

X. *Arg. fretty gu. a chief sa.* This is said to be "on a tomb," and must be the coat that can still be traced on the tomb ascribed to Dean Huse, but the chief also appears to be gules. Although the style of the tomb is said to be nearly a hundred years later than Dean Huse there appears no one else to whom the arms can be ascribed. The coat of Huse was *Barry of six gu., and erm.* William Huse married a daughter and heiress of Theobald Lord Verdon, whose arms were *or, fretty gu.* This may therefore be a compounded coat of Verdon and Husey or Huse, but from the dates Dean Henry Huse must have been a brother rather than a son of the above William Huse; the Dean names a Reginald Huse among those for whose souls prayers were to be said in his chantry, and one of his executors was a Roger Huse. A William Husee left by his will £200 to the

Bishop for the Church of Wells, as is acknowledged by his executor Robert de Cheddre of Bristol, on 10 Sept., 1362; this was a large sum at that time, perhaps the monument in question was his, or placed by him for the Dean, who may have been his uncle. The traces of colour show the chief and frets both red, and there can be little doubt the monument is for one of the Huse family.

XI. *Sa. on a cross arg. five cinquefoils of the first.* See of St. David, from which See William Barlow was translated to Bath and Wells. The cross should be gold.

ARTHUR J. JEWERS.

13. ARTHUR NORMAN OF WRAXALL.—He married Mary Whittington of Cold Ashton, com. Glouc, in 1636, by whom he had Mary, Ann and John before 1652. In 1660, Hugh Peard, clerk, Vicar of West Harptree, in his Will names his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Frances Norman, and Mr. Arthur Norman, his son-in-law. In 1660 and 1663 Arthur Norman "de Bedmister, gen." presents to Backwell Vicarage, two prior presentations of 1613 and 1614 having been made by "Jac. rex ratione minoris ætatis Antonii Norman."

Arthur Norman was of kin to the Arthur, Everard and Payton families. In all the parishes here named, and elsewhere, he cannot be further traced. Any information concerning him, his family, or his coat of arms, if any, is much desired, in letters of *postage unpaid*, addressed to J.K., c/o Messrs. Cossart Gordon & Co., Island of Madeira. KANTIUS.

14. NUNNEY CHURCH, SOMERSET.—In August last a large benefaction board, which hung on the wall of the nave on the North side of this Church between two of the main arches, was removed and disclosed an old painting. It is not in a good state of preservation, and was evidently painted on a very thin coat of wash or plaster, as it has peeled and gone in parts. We have had a border line painted round it. The figure is of a military man in armour holding a long spear or sword crossways. I am told that the date is about the end of the 14th century. In the background are these three devices, a fleur de lis, a stag courant, and a wreath of rope.

The figure is probably one of the Delamere family, who were then owners of the Castle close by. The last emblem is seen with a key impaled on the Tower of the Church; this was probably removed from a tomb; but I can find nothing to connect either of the three emblems with the family, or the devices on their tombs in the Church. The wreath suggests the Cabells of Frome, and the Servingtons of Whatley (the adjoining parish) had a stag appropriately for their crest, but I have never found any trace of either family being in Nunney parish.

G. A. DANIEL.

15. CROMWELL FAMILY. (IV. xxx. 230, xxxi. 269, xxxii. 293.)—I beg to thank Prebendary Coleman, and the Rev. R. G. Bartlett for the extracts they have sent relative to the above family. I am anxious to gain information as to the earliest date when the name of Cromwell is found in the *West* of England, and as to the links of connexion, if any, between persons bearing that name in the West and in the East. In Lincolnshire a line of Barons de Cromwell possessed Tattershall Castle near Boston from the first decade of the 14th cent. One of them was Constable of the Tower of London, and another became Lord High Treasurer in the reign of Hen. VI. There are reasons for thinking that these Barons de Cromwell had links with the family, from which sprang Thomas Cromwell in the 16th cent., and Oliver in the 17th. One of Oliver Cromwell's uncles (Richard) was M.P. for Lostwithiel, Cornwall, 43 Eliz. (Noble, I. 39), and a Richard Cromwell from Wiltshire matriculated from Magdalen Hall in 1581, aged 13. It would be very interesting to find other traces of connexion between the Cromwells of the Eastern and Western counties. Another question in which I have a personal interest is to ascertain the place and date of the baptism of William Cromwell who is supposed to have been born about 1756-60, in or near Bath.

J. G. CROMWELL, (Hon. Canon of Durham).
Alexandra Road, Reading.

16. THE AXBRIDGE PANEL. (IV. xxxii. 337).—With regard to the repainting of this panel, we have received remonstrances from Mr. W. H. St. John Hope, and Prebendary T. S. Holmes.

In justice to the Rev. H. P. Denison we beg to say that so long ago as last October he wrote to us saying, "When I first saw the panel it was in two pieces and it was just possible to see it and that was all; but I feel ashamed of my work when I look at it now."

We have also received from the Rev. F. J. Poynton a lithograph of a mural painting in Kelston Church which may be of about the same date as the panel. THE EDITORS.

17. RECTORS OF EAST LYDFORD.—The following are the Rectors of East Lydford subsequent to those mentioned in Weaver's *Somerset Incumbents*:

1745. Jan. 3, William Marsh, B.A., on the death of John Fry.
1763. Aug. 4, Phipps Weston, M.A., on the death of Wm. Marsh.
1784. Aug. 24, Narcissus Ryall, on the resignation of P. Weston.
1829. Ap. 29, Edward Harbin, M.A., on the death of N. Ryall.
1833. Oct. 5, Daniel Evans, on the cession of E. Harbin.

1839. Nov. 30, James Hooper, M.A., on the cession of Daniel Evans.
1849. July 7, Percy Joseph Newell, B.A., on the death of James Hooper.
1853. June 28, Percy Sarjeant Newell, on the resignation of P. J. Newell.
1864. May 21, John James Moss, M.A., on the resignation of P. S. Newell.
1870. July 1, Simeon Dowell Brownjohn, on the resignation of J. J. Moss.
1888. Nov., John Alfred Dodd, M.A., on the resignation of S. D. Brownjohn.
1895. July 5, George S. Henning, M.A., on the resignation of J. A. Dodd.

G. S. HENNING, M.A.

18. BARBOR OF BARNSTAPLE. (IV. xxxii. 313)—I am able to supply an omission in the pedigree of William Barbor (II). He married Elizabeth Powell, daughter and co-heiress with her sister Dorothy (who m. Thomas Langdon, clerk, in 1712) of George Wood Powell (of the Powells of Wilton) nephew and heir of Thomas Wood, the last of the Woods of Kittisford near Wellington, Somerset.

F. E. W. LANGDON, Clayhidon Rectory, Devon.

19. "ST. CANDIDA'S SHRINE" (?) AT WHITECHURCH, DORSET. (IV. xxxii. 297).—I remember visiting this most interesting church as long ago as when Mr. Palmer was the incumbent, as also on more than one occasion since, and before any 'restoration' was in progress.

There appeared to me but little doubt of its being a double tomb, as it then and apparently now appears, that is to say, the structure below the stone coffin is a tomb of itself, of considerably later date than the coffin laid upon it. At that time the upper part of the tomb immediately below the coffin was coloured white, and there were distinct traces of painting on it, scroll-work with inscriptions in old English text, but after much patient examination I could only recover the word "tandem"—query, '*at length*'?

Tombs with openings below, as at Whitechurch, occur in the south transept of Exeter Cathedral assigned to Bishop Osbert, ob. 1104,—but evidently of much later date,—here the openings are large quatrefoils; and in the nave of Salisbury Cathedral, assigned to the 'wicked' Lord Stourton, but on doubtful authority. Here there are three apertures on each side, said to represent the six sources of the river Stour—but the tomb is of earlier date than his death, temp. Queen Mary.

R.

20. METRICAL SCHOOL GRACE. (IV. xxix. 186, xxx. 224, 225, xxxi. 261, 262, xxxii, 303, 304).—When a child I was taught it and I believe this will be found the correct version:—

> "Be present at our table, Lord,
> Be here and everywhere adored,
> *Thy creatures* bless, and *grant that we*
> *May feast* in Paradise with Thee."

The devout old hymnologist, albeit a Nonconformist, appears simply to have echoed at the earthly meal the aspiration found in the consecration prayer at the Holy Communion:—"and *grant that we* receiving these *Thy creatures* of bread and wine, &c. If not, the coincidence is very remarkable as to the phraseology. But I *altogether* deprecate the grace, if used, being altered in any particular. Either use it in its integrity, or leave it alone. R.

21. LENT-CROCKING.—A custom used to prevail with the children at Bridestowe and the western skirts of Dartmoor, to make a perambulation during Lent, (I do not know at what period) from door to door of the "better-most" and farmers' residences begging, which was called *Lent-Crocking*, and when they arrived at the doorstep, they used to sing or recite the following doggerel together in a kind of chorus. I had it from a middle-age man who used to join in the perambulation when a child. He said he thought the custom had now fallen into disuse:—

> "Lent-crock and pancake,
> Fritters for my labour,
> Dish of meal, piece of bread,
> What you please to give me;
> I see by the latch,
> There is something to catch,
> I see by the string,
> There's a good dame within;
> Pray dame for something,
> Apple, or a dumpling,
> Or a piece of truckle-cheese,
> Of your own making;
> Trip—Trap—Trow,—
> Give me my hunch, and I'll be-go.

To the uninitiated, *fritters* are slices of apples fried, the *string* comes through a hole in the door to raise the latch within, and *hunch* (sometimes called *hunk*) is a good substantial piece. It would be interesting to know if this custom has prevailed elsewhere, together with the exact day, and its origin.

R.

COL. BULLEN REYMES, M.P.

22. DORCHESTER RECORDS.—As I am engaged in an examination of the Records of the Corporation of Dorchester, at the request of the Council, with a view to publication, I shall be greatly obliged by the loan of any ancient document, in private hands, which may illustrate those in the possession of the Corporation, or bear upon the history of the town.

C. H. MAYO, Long Burton Vicarage, Sherborne.

23. A CURIOUS NORTH DEVON SUPERSTITION. (IV. xxxii. 306).—I believe a threepenny piece and a piece of lead would set up a very slight galvanic action in much the same manner as a piece of gold or silver placed under or over the tongue, and a piece of zinc on the opposite side (known as the Galvanic tongue). The latter I have tried: when the metals are kept apart, no taste is noticed, but on bringing the two together there is an acid taste, but beware of lead poisoning.

E. R. DALE, Assoc. Inst. Electrical Engineers, &c.

24. COLONEL BULLEN REYMES, M.P. FOR MELCOMBE REGIS.—*Concluded.* (IV. xxx. 217, xxxi. 250, xxxii. 308).—We are much indebted to Mr. Troyte-Chafyn-Grove of North Coker House, for the likeness of Col. Bullen Reymes which accompanies this article, and which he has kindly ordered to be taken from the portrait at Zeals.

The following despatch to Col. Reymes was not noticed in its proper place at p. 286 of Vol. IV. *S. & D. N. & Q.* It relates to operations apparently at progress at the Compton Hill there named.

"Sr

I desire you to cause the tents to bee brought vpon the topp of the hill & to draw the men off to their old posts wth as much privacy as may bee, and there to stay, and before day I shall send you greater strength, onely you are to leave Centenells in fitting places, And soe I rest

Yors

Sir J. Wagstaffe.

Att 9 a clock.

I pray send mee word what
men are come to you."

[Postscript added at the top of the letter].

"You are to send yor quarter Mr. to mee that I may give him order to receive money for yor reg'mt."

[Addressed] "For Col. Reymes."

We also print a roll of the Officers serving under Col. Reymes. It is not dated, but refers to the period of his active military career.

Endorsed "A Rowle of my officers." Besides these six divisions, there is another, headed "Soldiers," left blank.

Captains.	Lieutenants.	Ensignes.	Sargents.	Corporalls.	Drummers.
Coll: Bullen Reymes	Will: Groues	Will: Bramston	James Snow	Charles Pellew	John Baker
			Peter Proder	Richard Bond	Gregory Leye
			Will: Wilton	Water Watkins	Phill: Geneway
Lieu: Coll: Will: Phillips	John Randolph	Will: Whitbye	John Fox	Samuel Yoe	Lewes Hill
			Rich: Carr	Rich: Elliot	John Johnson
Sar: Ma: Rich: Williamson	Thomas Brome	Arthur Cussier	Charles Pellew	Brien Powell	Nich: Sweete
			Tho: Hoode	John Yealand	John Carye
Capt: Tho: Butler	Rich: Harte		James Woods	Alex: Tucker	John Biss
			Rich: Skinner	John White	
Capt: Rob: Coyne	John Commin	Roger Risee			Cornel: Euins
Capt: John Salter	John Rider	John Jenkinson	Thomas Harte	John Norris	Barneleye Clas
			Edw: Armestrong	Francis Towley	
Capt: Will: Chapman	Rich: Prisce	Hoye	Garret Browne	Giles Cox	John Gode
			Peter Rottenbery	Anto: Hewes	
				Will: Euens	
Capt: John Brumlye	Tho: Harris	Quin			
Cap: John Hill	Tho: Clinch	James Snow	Peter Taprill		
			Tho: Gibbon		

On the death of Col. Reymes, his son and heir, also named

Bullen Reymes, is seen engaged in winding up his father's official accounts.

It may be interesting to refer to one of them. It is

"The account of Mr. Bullen Reymes, Son and Heir and Executor of the Last Will and Testamt of Bullen Reymes Esqr., decd., one of the Com'rs appointed to take care of Sick and Wounded Seamen and Soldiers and Prisoners of Warr in ye last war ag^t the Dutch for 1920li. by him rec^d on Imprest from Sr. Henry Osborn knt. dec^d Receiver of the moneys app^ted for the Service of the said Sick & Wounded & Prisoners, &c."

This amount is made up of several sums of money, varying from £500 to £20, paid by Sir Henry Osborne at different dates, from 20th March, 1671-2, to 12th Dec., 1672.

The outgoings comprise, among other payments, £730 to Mr. Samuell Williams, his [Col. Reymes'] Deputy by Comcon to take care of Sick and Wounded at Godsport, Portsmouth and the adjac^t places for their service and maintenance; and the Colonel's travelling expenses "to settle the Ports for Sick and Wounded at Godsport, Southampton, Winchester, Weymouth and Poole," &c., £300. The Colonel's Salary was £300 per annum. Dr. John Heyth was paid at the rate of £140 per annum salary as Physician for the district, besides travelling expenses at £1 per diem. "Mr. Grantham Wyan, Chirurgeon at the said ports of Portsm° Godsport and places adjact," received £77 in various sums, but no stated salary is named. "Mr. Arnold De Sellenova, Chirurgeon at Weym° for Sick and wounded his Salary at 5s. p diem for 263 days from ye 25th day of March '72 to 17th of Decemr. '72," received £65 15 00.

"Mr. William Bond, Provost Marshall for Prisoners att Waym°", also received a salary at the rate of 3s. per diem.

As this payment is also calculated to 17th Dec., it would seem to imply that that was the date of Col. Bullen Reymes' death.

"Mr. Wardour Provost Marshall for p^rs at Warr at a prison appointed for them at Winchester" received a lump sum of £10. Mr. Sam. Cooke, the Colonel's "Deputy att Waym° to take care of Sick and Wounded," drew a quarter's salary of £5.

The two following articles are especially interesting:—

"31st Octr. Paid for 31 Sea beds wth Ruggs blankets sheets and Boulsters for ye service of the Sick and Wounded at Portsm° and parts adjacnt £66 13 00.

"Paid for an Oyled tilt Back peice embroidred wth Cushens and other materialls for the Boat to bring off and carry back sick wounded men, & men recou' from ships to and from Portsm° &c."

The last entry among the payments is as follows:—

"This Accountant prays allowance to be made for his said father's salary for one Quarter of a year ended at Xmas, 1672, at

300li. p ann' as p patent, &c., appears at ye Wardrobe, £75 00 00."

The total outgoings thus amounted to £1641 02 00, leaving a balance to be refunded by the Executor of £278 18 00.

This concludes the biography of Col. Reymes, so far as it may be gathered from the papers which Mr. T. Chafyn-Grove has kindly placed in our hands. On a subsequent occasion some particulars may be given regarding the son who bore his father's names. C. H. MAYO.

25. REV. RICHARD WEST, S.T.D., PREBENDARY OF WELLS, AND RECTOR OF SHILLINGSTON, CO. DORSET.—According to the Vis. of Northants of 1681-2, Richard West was son of Thomas West of Cotton End, Northampton, by his wife Dorothy Lane of Courteenhall, co. Northampton. He married Anna dr. of Tho. Bettesworth, of Winchester, Hants, and had seven children, George, Elizabeth, Thomas, George, Anna wife of—Pope of Marnhill, co. Dorset, Honora aged about 18 in 1682, and Richard aged about 13 in 1682, in which year Richard West the father was aged about 67. The three eldest sons died in infancy, and the eldest daughter died unmarried. I should be glad of more information about him and his family.

H. ISHAM LONGDEN, M.A., Shangton Rectory, Leicester.

26. ALFORD FAMILY OF CO. SOMERSET.—Alexander Alford, Benedict Alford and Joan Alford, their sister, left Somerset between 1630 and 1633—presumably 1630—and probably sailed on the ship "Mary and John"—400 tons burden—Captain Squeb, Commander,—from Plymouth, England, the 20th March, 1630, for New England.

The descendants of Benedict Alford (called in America after 1660 "Alvord") are not numerous, but it is estimated that the descendants of Alexander Alford or Alvord number in the neighbourhood of 62,000 in the present generation, their descent being carefully traced and recorded up to the present time.

The following deed throws some light upon the question as to their derivation:—

"The third of September 1640. The Record of the deed shewed in Court betwixt Richard Standewick and Nicholas Nurton."

"KNOW all men by these prnts that I, Richard Standewick, of Broadwaye in County of Somerset, in Old England, clothyer, for and in consideration of the sume of 12 pounds of loyal money of England, paid unto me by Nicholas Nurton of Waimouth in New England, have graunted, bargained and sould, and by these prnts do freely and absolutely graunt, bargaine and sell unto the said Nicholas Nurton, all the cattell whether cowes, steers or caues whatsoeu' I have with Mr. Hull in New England."

"In witness whereof I the said Richard Standewick 'ave hereunto set my hande and seale the 20th day of February in the year 1639."

"RICHARD
STANDEWICK. HIS SEAL.

Sealed in the prnts of us
John Hawkins Peter Pliny John Dwelly X sign
Benedict X Alvord John Purchase."

"Benedict Alvord and John Purchase of these witnesses have taken their oaths before me, Thomas Dudley, Governor of Massachusetts, that they saw Richard Standewick above named seal and deliver this bill to the use of the above named Nicholas Nurton and subscribed their names or marks as witnesses hereon. Their oaths were taken the 25th day of August, 1640, before me, Thomas Dudley, Governor of Massachusetts."

From the above it would seem that Benedict Alvord, after volunteering to assist the Connecticut colony against the Pequot Indians, returned to England probably for his espoused, Joan Nurton or Newton, for in 1637 he was one of the 30 who went from Windsor in Connecticut to the Pequot War; on the 20th February 1639 he must have been in Broadway, Somerset, England; while on the 25th August, 1640, he had returned to Massachusetts, and on November 26th, 1640, he was married in Windsor, Connecticut, to Joan Nurton, as is shown by the records there.

Further information, or hints as to where information may be found, of the descent of Alexander Alford, is desired by JOHN W. ALVORD, C.E., 1140 "The Rookery," Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A.

[The Rev. R. G. Bartlett, Corfe Castle, also desires to receive notes respecting the Alfords of Swell, Somerset, previous to 1650. John Alford of Swell, will dated 4 September, 1592, pr. 25 September, following; children John, Alice; residue to wife Julian.]

27. SOMERSET LITERATURE, 1895:—The following is a list of Books and Magazine articles relating to this County, written by Somersetshire Authors, or printed in the County.

SOMERSET BOOKS, 1895:—

Barnicott (Reginald) Taunton of To-Day: Things a Stranger wants to know, illustrations and maps; royal 8vo., 122 pp., 1/- net.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Kalendar; cr. 8vo., 330 pp., maps and illustrations 2/6 net.

Bownes (Rev. J.) Randolph, Lord de Vere, and other Poems; crown 8vo., 127 pp., 2/6.

Bristol Channel, illustrated, post 8vo., 6d. net.

British Lake Village near Glastonbury, Letters and Papers by Robert Munro, M.A., Prof. Boyd Dawkins, M.A., Arthur J. Evans, F.S.A., and Arthur Bulleid, illustrations; 8vo., 26 pp., 1/-

Campbell (E. A.) The Escape of the Fugitives: a Story of Sedgmoor; with coloured frontispiece, 6d.

Elworthy (F. T.) The Evil Eye: an account of this ancient and wide-spread Superstition, illustrated; 8vo., 466 pp., 21/-

Escott (T. H. S.) Randolph Spencer Churchill, as a Product of his age: being a personal and political monograph; post 8vo., 420 pp., 6/-

——Platform, Press, Politics and Play: being Pen and Ink Sketches of contemporary Celebrities from the Tone to the Thames, *via* the Avon and Isis; 8vo., 396 pp., 6/-

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Palmer (H. P.) Mr. Trueman's Secret: a tale of West Somerset; post 8vo., 234 pp., 6/-

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Urquhart (Rev. J.) The Inspiration and Accuracy of the Holy Scriptures; 8vo., 570 pp., 7/6.

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Whistler (C. W.) A Thane of Wessex: being a story of the Great Viking raid into Somerset, illustrated; cr. 8vo., 288 pp., 3/6.

28. Somerset Magazine Articles, 1895:—

A Village School in Somersetshire, *Macmillan*, April.

Ansted (A.) The Closes of Salisbury and Wells, illustrated; *Magazine of Art*, May.

Blathwayt (Lt.-Col. L.) Aphaniptera, illustrated; *Journal of Microscopy*, October.

Browne (Major G. F.) From Leicester to Langport, 1645: an Episode of the Civil War, with map; *Journal of the Royal United Service Institution*, March.

Butler (Rev. E. C.) Gasquet's Introduction to Montalembert's Monks of the West, *Downside Review*, December.

Carey (H. S.) Bath Post Office in the olden time, *St. Martin's le grand*. July.

Church (Rev. Canon) Wells Palace, Somersetshire, illustrated; *Good Words*, June.

Edwards-Moss (Sir J.) After the Wild Deer, illustrated; *Badminton*, November.

Escott (T. H. S.) The Real Lord Randolph Churchill, *Twentieth Century*, August.

——Lord Randolph Churchill, *Fortnightly Review*, March.

Evil Eye, (The) *Quarterly Review*, July.

Finlayson (Rev. A.) Archdeacon Denison with portrait, *Religious Review of Reviews*, August.

Fowler (Rev. J. C.) Benedictines in Bath. *Downside Review*, March, July and December.

Gordon (A.) The old Stone Crosses of Somersetshire, illustrated, *Reliquary*, October.

Gregory (Lady) Eothen and the Athenaeum Club, *Blackwood*, December.

Page (J. Ll. Warden) Combe Florey and Sydney Smith, *Pall Mall Mag.*, July, 1895.
Paul (C. Kegan) Edward A. Freeman, *Month*, July.
Somersetshire, *Edinburgh Review*, April.
Terry (B. S.) Edward A. Freeman, *Dial*, July 16.
Tooley (Sarah) Sir Eizak Pitman, An Interview; *Young Man*, March.
Warren (A.) and Williams (J. L.) A Christmas Legend of King Arthur's Country; illustrated, *Cosmopolitan*, December.
Weaver (Rev. F.W.) Some Early Wills, *Downside Review*, March.
——— The Dedication of Churches, *Downside Review*, July.
——— The Fate of the Bath Monks, *Downside Review*, December.
Wilson (W). Walter Bagehot: a Literary Politician, *Atlantic Monthly*, November.
With Rod and Camera through West Somerset, illustrated by Liberia, *Fishing Gazette*, 21st December, 1895
Witchery of the Quantocks, (The) *Temple Bar*, April.

EDWIN PEARCE.

[We are much indebted to Mr. Pearce, of Fore St., Taunton, for these valuable lists of Somerset Books and Magazine Articles.
THE EDITORS.]

29. CLAUDE SCOTT, LYTCHET MINSTER.—Is anything known of the ancestors of Claude Scott of Lytchet Minster, Dorset, born 11th May, 1742, died 27th March, 1830, created a Baronet 8th Sept., 1821? A.P.

30. GEORGE POWELL, OF WILTON, ESQ. (IV. xxxii. 292). —This was evidently George Powell, lord of the manor of Fons George, in the parish of Wilton, *juxta* Taunton, Somerset. The family was one of importance, in that neighbourhood, in the seventeenth century. In 1640, or thereabout, he bought the north aisle of Wilton Church (St. George's) for a pew and burying place, and there, I suppose, he and his family rest. His arms—*Per fesse argent and or, a lion rampant gules*—are in one of the church windows. In 1642, it seems, he was mayor of Taunton. He married Dorothy, daughter of — Wood. They had three sons and two daughters, viz., George Wood Powell, eldest son and heir, as stated in his father's will, but whose birth is not given in the Wilton register, from which I infer that his father, at that time, was living in some other parish. In 1698 this George Wood Powell, then the sole survivor of his father's children, and established as a merchant in London, conveyed the manor of Fons George (March 8th) to William Harvey, of Hillbishops, gent., of the second part, and Maurice Hamond, of Taunton, merchant, and Thomas Baker, jr., of do., grocer, of the third part, all in Somerset. (Deed in possession of Thomas Meyler, Esq.,

Town Clerk of Taunton, and Steward of the Manor of Taunton Deane). John Powell, second son of the 1st George, b. 21 Nov., bapt. 23 Nov., 1676(St. Geo.Reg.) He probably died before 1683, as he is not mentioned in his father's will, then made. Roger Powell, third son of 1st George, b. 7 April, bapt. 15 May, 1678; inherited the Red Lion Inn at Taunton, and other property formerly owned by his father. Roger died before 1698. Of the two daughters of the said 1st George, nothing is recorded in St. George's register but their burials in "the vault at Wilton"; Amia, on the 7th of Feb., 1673, and Dorothy on the 16th of Dec., 1674. Dorothy, the mother of these children, died in August, 1684, her burial being placed by the Wilton register as occurring on the 29th, and, since she is therein called a widow, it is evident that her husband George Powell must have died sometime between the 29th of August, 1684, and the 5th of May, 1683, the day he made his will; most likely his death occurred shortly before his wife's, for she is mentioned, as living, in the will which, as stated below, was proved at Taunton on the 10th of the following month, that is Sept., 1684. It is strange, but, if my extracts are full, the Wilton Parish Register contains no mention of his death or burial. His original will is No. 197. Bundle for the year 1684; but whether this "Bundle" is among those at the "Castle," or of those in the "Archdeacon's Court of Taunton," my informant sayeth not; perhaps *proved* in the Court and now *deposited* in the Castle. In this will Powell mentions the following persons in addition to his said children, viz., Mrs. John Edward, "my aunt"; Mrs. Helena Prowse, "my sister-in-law"; his "good friends" William Doble, father and son, to be the "Overseers." Witnesses, Will Doble, John Ball, John Edwards, and John Bevis. Remembers his servants, long inventory of household goods. Besides Fons George, these Powells owned a place in Wilton Parish, at the hamlet of Galmington, called "Cutliffes," now "Cutler's Farm," I believe, the house being built in the form of the letter **H**, perhaps in accordance with the initial letter of the original form of their name, viz., "Howell"; "Powell" being the conglutinate form of "ap Howell."

(For the above particulars I am indebted to the investigations of Mr. Alfred James Monday, of Taunton, and the letters of the Vicar of Wilton, the Rev. D. J. Pring.)

From the arms borne by this family, it is evident that its members claimed descent from the same stock whence came the Powells of Park, in co. Salop; for the coat of the latter family was the same, excepting that the gold was placed in chief instead of in base. Griffith (ap Levan Vychan) descended, through Einion Efell, from the Princes of Powis, had a son Howell who, marrying Angharad, daughter of Richard Strange of Knockin (apparently the seventh baron), had issue as follows: A son generally called Robert, but by others Thomas, ap Howell, or

Powell, of Park ;. Rhys, from whom the Maurices of Lloran ; and "Meredydd" (a son omitted in the published pedigrees, but discovered by the recent research of Mr. Keith W. Murray, of London, through wills, and records of the College of Arms, and kindly communicated to me by Mr. L. Murray Ogilvy, of Montreal, Canada); with a daughter, Margaret. Meredith Powell is marked as having issue; and hence—in connection with the evidence of the arms—I am inclined to infer that perhaps the said George Powell of Fons George was his lineal descendant. Meredith ap Howell, or Powell, lived in the middle of the sixteenth century; George Powell in the middle of the seventeenth; hence they were separated by a hundred years, equivalent to about three generations; in other words, George Powell *may* have been the great-, or great-great-, grandson of the said Meredith. *But was he?*

Any information on this point, direct or otherwise, as, for instance, the name of the said George Powell's father, or the names of Meredith's children, will be received with thanks by the subscriber.

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Since writing the said "Note" I have discovered, from the Visitation of Somerset made in 1672, (MS. in Col. of Arms), that Dorothy, the wife of George Powell of Fons George, was the daughter of Tristram Wood of Ridsford, in said county, *generosus*. Also that her husband was born in the year 1635; that he was the son and heir of George Powell, of Taunton, *gen.* (by his wife Hanna, dau. of Thomas Fry of Gunvile, or Gunfold, in co. Dorset, *gen.*), who, no doubt, was the mayor of 1642, and the purchaser of the church aisle a year or two before. This George, the senior, was the son of William Powell, of Taunton, *gen.*, by his wife Susan, dau. of Prewett, of Brewton, in said Somerset. *Now who was this William Powell's father?*

P.S.P.C.

31. STOCKLINCH OTTERSEY NEAR ILMINSTER, SOMERSET. —There is a singular inaccuracy in Collinson's account of this parish. (Hist. Somt. I. 63). He derives its additional name from a wood called *ottershawe* mentioned in the perambulation of the forest of Neroche made in the reign of Edwd. I., and from a "ruin of the same name" near Isle Abbots which gave its appellation to the 'Ottersey' family, who are, he stated, frequently mentioned in the Cartulary of Glastonbury Abbey. With due submission this circumstantial explanation is a myth.

The word *Ottersey* or *Ottershawe* is a corruption of *Ostricer* meaning a Falconer or Keeper of goshawks (ostercum or austercum) and in Kirby's Quest compiled about 14 Edw. I—that is several years before the perambulation, "William le Ostricer" —William the Falconer—is said to hold the manor of Stocklinch

Ostricer of Alan Plukenet by the service of bringing up one goshawk (*initiandi unum austercum*).

In the year 1363 the manor was held by Ralph de Stocklynch who obtained license to found a chantry in the church and to endow it with part of his lands, reserving sufficient to answer his service to Richard de la Bere (Alan Plukenet's successor) of rendering yearly one goshawk and one sparhawk (Inq. ad q. d. 36 Edw. III. No. 124).

In the same reign, the manor came into the possession of the family of Denbaud, Lords of Hinton St. George, and predecessors of the Poulets, and, on the death of John Denbaud in the year 1391, an Inquisition was held which furnishes minute particulars of the peculiar tenure of the manor.

The Jury found that Denbaud held it of the Earl of Huntingdon, as of his manor of Haselbury[Plukenet], by the service of keeping and bringing up every year one goshawk, and when it was quite fit for use (*firmata*) carrying it to the courthouse of his Lord, accompanied by his wife, three grooms (*garciones*) two horses, and three greyhounds (*leporarii*) and there remaining for forty days at his Lord's expense, receiving for his service on leaving, the Lord's second best robe for himself, and the Lady's second best robe, for his wife (Inq. p.m. 14 Rd. II. No. 18.)

The render of hawks and services incidental thereto was in the nature of petty serjeanty and was not uncommon, several cases, almost parallel to this, being extant in the records. But I do not suppose that at the date of this inquisition the prescribed duties were actually required or rendered. They originated, I presume, on grants made at an early date, probably soon after the conquest, and were, in fact, a payment in kind, of some sort or other, supplying as far as may be the wants or whims of the Lord and adapted to the circumstances and ability of the tenant. But the Lord of Hinton was not likely to condescend to serve as his Landlord's Falconer, or to accept faded family garments in return, and I take it that the particulars are recorded in the inquisition solely for the purpose of assessing the full value in money of an equitable commutation. JOHN BATTEN.

32. MATHEW BEETHELL OF WIMBORNE MINSTER. (IV. xxxii. 309).—In the Court Rolls of Corfe Molyn *alias* Corfe Hubert, Dorset, occurs the following:—

17 Oct., 1672. Liber Sect. Heirs of Matthew Beethell, gen.
In 1677 the entry is Elias Beethel, gen. J.C.

33. JUDGE HUGH WYNDHAM.—Did any one ever hear of a Judge Hugh Wyndham living in Dorset about 1600, who had an oak tree called after him? CHARLES PENRUDDOCKE.

[The name of Sir Hugh Windham of Litton, Knt., one of the Barons of the Exchequer, occurs *ante* in Art. 1, page 17]

34. REGILBURY COURT, NEMPNETT, SOMERSET.—I shall be glad of any information appertaining to the history of this old place. I am acquainted with the history of Regilbury *Park*, as given in Collinson, but it is the *Court* I am enquiring about. I find from a pencil note in a copy of Collinson's *History of Somerset*, now before me, that "Regilbury Court was the Palace of the Wessex Division of England in the time of the Saxon Heptarchy." D.K.T.

35. FOOT FAMILY.—In 1800, George-Forrester, son of William Foot, is mentioned in the Folke Registers; about the same time, Ann Oldfield, daughter of Samuel Foot, is baptized at Sherborne; information of any date as to ancestors or descendants of these families will be gratefully received, also, any extracts relating to the name from registers or monuments, etc., (other than those of Berwick St. John) which must be plentiful in the neighbourhood of Wilts and Dorset. Please reply to 65, Holywell, Oxford, or through *S. & D. N. & Q.* W.C.G.G.

NOTICES OF BOOKS.

36. THE CABELLS AND THEIR KIN. A Memorial Volume of History, Biography, and Genealogy, by Alexander Brown, D.C.L., author of "The Genesis of the United States." Boston and New York: Houghton, Mifflin and Company, The Riverside Press, Cambridge, Mass. 1895. Pp. xvii., 641. 8vo., with numerous illustrations.

The talented author of this Book, Alexander Brown, D.C.L., who is already known to English and American readers as the writer of a standard historical work, "*The Genesis of the United States*," has produced a volume which will be of much interest to men of English blood on both sides of the Atlantic, and especially to inhabitants of Somerset from whence the Cabells of Virginia appear to have been originally derived.

Dr. William Cabell, from whom the Virginia family of the name deduce their origin, was born at Warminster, Wilts, 9th March, 1699, son of Nicholas, and grandson of another William by Mary his wife. The William last named, Dr. Brown believes to be identical with the 4th son of Richard Cabell of Brooke, Esq., in Buckfastleigh, Devon, but sprung from Frome Selwood, where the Cabells were founders of the Chantry of St. Nicholas in the parish church. Dr. Brown gives many particulars of the earlier and later history of this family. Some 30 pages are thus occupied, but the major portion of this work, as may be expected, is devoted to the history of the family beyond the seas. There it has had a distinguished career, and has furnished many an able servant to its adopted country, of whom stay-at-home Englishmen may be pleased to hear.

The work is a thick, well-printed volume with 37 illustrations (principally portraits) but including a coloured delineation of the

ancient stained glass armorial window in the Cabell (St. Nicholas) chapel, at Frome Selwood.

We thank Dr. Brown for this able addition to Family History.

C.H.M.

37. "GENEALOGICAL QUERIES."—Under the above title Mr. G. T. Tudor Sherwood, 99, Angel Road, Brixton, London, S.W., is proposing to issue in May next the first Number of a quarterly publication devoted to the special purpose of making known the wants of Genealogists. Queries will be inserted at a charge of 1s. for 3 lines, and 4d. a line afterwards, and will be arranged in alphabetical order under names of Persons, Places, or Subjects. At least a thousand copies will be circulated. Mr. Sherwood's plan appears to be a useful one, and will probably be the means of clearing up many a point which has hitherto defied elucidation. We wish him all success.

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38. CHURCHWARDENS' ACCOUNTS, ST. JOHN'S GLASTONBURY (IV. xxvi. 73, xxvii. 121, xxviii. 160, xxix. 201, xxx. 245, xxxi. 283, xxxii. 317.)—The rubric of 1549 provided for the bread and wine in Holy Communion that each parishioner should offer in order "as they were wont to find and pay the holy loaf." We find that still in 1584 nine people are reckoned defaulters in this matter, each to the amount of 4d.; but the rule was already changed in 1552 to direct the Curate and Churchwardens to buy the elements at the charges of the parish. Accordingly in the same account we find £2 0s. 9½d. spent and three years later £3 4s. 6d. The Book of Injunctions, bought in 1584, may be Abp. Whitgift's Twelve Articles issued by order of Council in November, 1583, or possibly some injunctions of the new bishop Thomas Godwin, who was consecrated Sept. 13, 1584.

The rent formerly paid to the Abbey through the bailiff and the sacristan had only amounted (p. 334) to 6s. 9d. It is now called High Rent, taken by the Queen's Auditors, and amounts to £1 2s. 2d.

When the great monastery clock was removed, the parishioners felt the need of one for themselves—so we find mention of the Clock and its Clock-house.

The three conduit wardens of 1587 are evidently not a new institution, though not previously mentioned in extant accounts, besides the Church ale, for missing which the churchwardens are fined £1, the conduit wardens keep an ale at Shrovetide.

Only two surplices are now in use, probably one for the parson, one for the clerk. It would seem that the wearing of hats in church encouraged by some of the Puritans was objected to by Bp. Godwin, causing a summons to Wells. W. E. DANIEL.

Parchment 1584.

Glaston 1584. The accounts taken by John Savydg and Richard Foxe for one holl yere. By p pers of the Churche and parishe goods of Saynt Johen Baptys in Glaston from the feast of Saynt Mychaell tharchangell last past be fore the date here of in the xxvjth yere of our Suffrane lady quene Elyzabeth that now is.

The Stocke Super. The stocke remaynynge and Received by us is xxxj s jd. Super Returned unto us of Thomas Roo xx s of Mr Thomas Allynge viij d there is be hynde to the use of Comunyon bred and wyne jn ano 1582 Mother Sadler John Rudderde Robart Sturton John brotherype Robart bennate Henry Sheperd John Collynges luveranes Callon and John Daune which sum is iij s. Robart bennat is be hynde for his howes x [xj *partly erased*] yeres which Rereges at ix s the yere is iiij li x s. John Whetherell is be hynde for the buryall of his chyld in the church vj s viij d which Mr Threston gave his word to paye yf he dye not. Wm Roby xij d. Edmund Mullynges iiij d. Wyllyam Deverell iiij d. Rychard fatte iiij d. Of Wyllyam Cooke for a fyne x s.

Sum is vj li xij s iiij d.

Rent of Assyses. Rent of Assyes yerely is ix li xv s x d.

A Retorne. A Retorne from Thomas Counsell unto Wyllyam Pynnell and Edith his wyfe for terme of there two lyves and to pay x s at our lady Day in lent next commynge and x s at mychell next folloinge.

Sum is xx s.

Profytts of the offyse. Item Rec. for the use of Comunion a sate unto John Gregory xij d. Thomas Corpys wyfe a sate xij d exchanged a sate xij d of Crystover Austyn a sate xij d. John Fyshe wyfe a sate xij d George perkynes a sate xij d John Chapell a sate viij d. Brydgat Cowgell a sate xij d. Alese Davy a sate xij d. Elyzabeth more a sate viij d. Thomas Roochewods wyf viij d. John Harryse a sate xij d. ro * goold by the yere iiij d. Robart farnam for his lysens by the yere xij d. * worfe and by the yere for his lysens from his tenement viij d.

Sum is xxix s viij d.

Where of we pray alowanc

Summa totalys of all the Resayts stocke and super xx li viij s xj d.

Hy Rent payed this yere. Item payed unto the Resevers this yere xxij s. ij d.
Item unto the Reue for this yere .. ix s.
Item payed for new quyttans .. viij d.

Sum is xxxj s. xd.

Necessary expences. Item paid unto Wyllyam Hatche vij s. Payd at John Brookes for there drynken that gathered the accounts and other of the parreshe iij s. viij d. [iii s. v d. *erased*]. Payd to the Ringers at the coronancion day (1) v s., a new bawdryp for the fowerth bell ii s. vi d., for oyle and candl' x d. ob., payd for entren of a pretentacyon at ysytacyon of Caunturbury at Welles iiij d. payd for sarten artykles there * and postmenes dynner * for nayles and sellynge a pere of * for our dynner at Welles viij d., payd for at * 1d. payd * payd for oyle and candles x d. for a new Roope for the chauncell bell * a bawdryp iiij d. payde for a booke of Injuncyons and one other ix * * Wyllyam ellys for the mendynge the churche wyndowes vij s. ij d. Payd unto Rychard Wolford for delven of pares the makynge the buttes and bestowes * payed divers plow men ix s. 4d. (2).

Payd at the court at Welles for the cawlynge in of Margaret dennise for dysorderynge her selfe dyveres tymes in the churche iiij s. v d. for oyle i d. to chappy ij d. Item for new trymmynge the organes and clensynge the pypes xlvj s. payd for the washyng the lynnynge clothes at sundry tymes ij s. ij d. payd for the mendynge the leddes and soder and makynge clene ij s. iij d. payd at Welles when we were summoned to comme be fore Docter Day ij s. i d. payd for the

(1) Queen Elizabeth was crowned 13th Jan., 1559.
(2) Arabic numeral.

dynner at hallow day iiij s. payd for the wryten of our presentment iiij d. payd for Bred and Wyne this yere xl s. ix d. ob.

Sum is vij li. x s. x d.

Wages and fees. Item unto the Wardynes for there fee vj s. viij d. Unto the Steward for his fee iij s. iiij d. Unto the Clarke for his wages xxx s. Unto the bedman for his fee iij s. iiij d.

Sum is xliij' iiijd.

Summa totalys xj li. vj s.

The stocke remayning unto the next wardines is xl s. vij d.

Summa totalys with the supersette over unto the next wardynes is xviij li. viij s. iiij d.

Over and by sydes the super wych is vij li. ij s. iiij d.

John Hopkines the eldr.
Thomas Roo wardyns.

Endorsed John Savidge Rychard Foxe.

1585.

Somerset. Vicesimo nono die Octobris anno regni domine nostre Elizabethe Regine vicesimo septimo.

Receaved of the Churchwardens of the parish of St. Johnes in Glaston by the handes of Thomas Pester for their rents dewe to the Quenes Majestie for one whole yere at the feast of St. Michaell tharchangell last past the sume of Twentie Two shillings two pence xxij s. ij d. rec. per Robertum Paddon.

Endorsed: the quitance for the payment of the Rent of St. Johns parishe to Mr. Tho. Hanbury at thAuditt in anno 27° regine Elizabethe.

Receipts for the same amount £1 2 2 exist for 1580 and 1581, signed by Thomas Hanbury Collector. Another for 1587 "of William Nurs and Fabian Ramsburye wardens nine shillings for cheefe rent for lands in Glaston called St. John's."

signed John God.

Another receipt runs: "Recd. of the Toune of Glastonbury for the first payment of the subsade due to our Soveragne ladie Quenes Majestie in the xxxj yeare of her majestis raigne the tenth of Februare the sum of Elevne pounds twelve shillings eight pence. I say received by me Samuell Mylward from John Barnard Collector.

xj li xij s viij d.

1587 Imperfect.

Payments.

Hye Rent. This yere payde to the Reeve .. .. .. ix s.
Payde to the Quens Aditors two yeres Rent .. ij li. iiij s. iiij d.
Summa totali [*sic*] .. .. .. liii s. iiij d.

Sum liij s. iiii d.

Charges. And expences payde to the Ringers on crownhacyon daye iij s. * John Wilkyns for Iron worke x d. Item oyle to the bell i d. ob. Item * candells to Reade morninge prayer ij s. Item for paper and nay * the grate iij d. for whashinge of both surplises iiij d. Wm. atwood * the greate bell clipper xx d. Thomas Rooker a paire of shares x * to Steven Bushe for mendinge the caige ix s. also for his and his * viij d. for nayles and bordes for the whelles of the bells xij d. * Henry Whithere for a poole of lether ij s. Blanched hade for m * two bawdribs ij s. William at Woode hade for makyng of Iron woor * belonged to the caige ix s. I boughte a minyt booke iiij s. when * were presented to Welles courte oure expences was xij d. for want of * booke for continuance of the courte iiij d. the strikynge out of * with oure expences ij s. browne had for tylenge the beere howse * John Wylkins for mendinge the greate bell clipper ij s. Payd for the whashinge

of the Comunion clothes and both surplises viij d. Gipsune hade for the clocke iiij li. x s. John Courtis hade for the Roopes that belongede to the clocke vij s. Payde to Chepman for mendinge the beere ij d. Payde at the lorde of Canterburyes Visitacion (1) for the charges of courte with the postmens Dinners vij s. ij d. Payde for makynge of the butts with exspences on them that carriede the [payd *erased*] pares vij s. Mr. Chether had for mendinge the bybell and the servis booke xij d. Gipsune had for mendinge the clocke house with the boordes and nayles that when [*sic*] thereto ij s. Gipsune hade for hanginge the thirde bell xij d. Our exspences at the courte of Infurmation xvj d. I bought a booke vj d. Payde for whashinge of both sirplises and new gatheringe thereof vj d. Payd to Coxe for the chaunsell bell roope xj d. Payde at Wells concerninge the wering of hatts and capps thorought and with the condicent of sume of the parishe vj s x d. Paid to William Smythe for makynge of two [lockes *erased*] keyes for the Regester lockes with a haspe x d. Payde to Thomas Rooker for Intendinge on the plummer iiij d, also payde to the plummer for three pounde and halfe of soder ij s iiij d. also payde him for his dayes worke xij d. Payde Wm Ellis for mendinge the glase windowes vj s. Payde to Chepmane for mendinge of certaine seegges xx d. Payd for oure exspences atte adiett xij d for the woode that served the plummer about the ledds iij d. Payde this yere for breade and wine iij li iiij s vj d. Payd to Wm at Woode for mendinge the great bell clipper vj s viij d. Payde to Wm at Woode for a showll tree and a spade tree viij d.

Summa totalis [x li *erased*] xij li xv s ob.

[*In another hand.*]

The wardens hathe not receved Robart benets rent iiij s vj d.

Waiges and fees. The two wardings fees is .. vj s viij d
The stewardes fee is .. iij s iiij d

Summa totalis xs.

The some of all the Dutyes and charges paid and with oure fees is [xv li viij s iiij d ob *erased*] xvj li ij s x ob.

The supers Remayninge to the next wardings

Robart Bennet for halfe a yeares Rent	..	iiij s vj d
George Figure iiij d a new come at the holy tree		iiij d
John Ludwell iiij d widdo wadd	.. ..	iiij d
William Fyshe iiij d Annis Heler	.. ..	iiij d
The widdo Bradribe for iij houses	..	xij d
Henry Smythe iiij d Water Grynter	.. ..	iiij d
Robearte Bennet	.. ..	iiij d
the some	.. ..	[vij s ij d *erased*.]

Md. the churche wardens afforsaid hathe payd thys Last yeare mor then ther recepts as apperethe ij s ij d ob.

Churchewardens for the next yeare viz. 1588 and anno 1589 { William Bull, Richard Rogers }

It is agreed by the parishioners that the churchewardens shall yearly keape ale to the comodeti of the parishe upon payne of xxs a yere.

Cundyt Wardensthis yeare { Robart Dunham, George Daye, Henry Wrinkemore, [William Atwood *erased*] }
with the assistance of William Ellis plomer

Item that the sayd [Chur *erased*] condyt wardens do kepe an alle for the comodetie of the condytts in the sayd Towne to be kept abowts the tyme of Shrofftyde.

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(1) At Frome Visitations were held by Abp. Grindall in 1577 and Abp. Whitgift in 1589.

REMAINS OF CHAPEL AT TEMPLECOMBE.

39. TEMPLECOMBE.—The accompanying illustration, for which we offer our best thanks to the Rev. H. J. Poole, represents the chapel of the Preceptory at Templecombe, taken from the south: the wall partly covered with ivy being the north wall of the chapel.

All that concerns Templecombe, taken from "*The Knights Hospitallers in England*" (Report for A.D. 1338), Camden Society 1857, pp. 183-6, is appended; I have added the notes.

F. W. WEAVER.

TEMPLECOUMBE.

Est ibidem unum manerium cum gardino, et valet per annum .. .. .. vj s viij d
Item ij columbaria que valent .. .. x s
Item ccclxviij acre terre, que valent per annum .. xj marcas
Item lx acre steriles et debiles que valent .. v s
Item lx acre dimidia prati, pretium acre ij s. Summa ix marce xij d
Item j parvus boscus devastatus per occupatores jam post adnullationem Templi, cujus subboscus valet .. .. .. xiij s iiij d
Et pastura pro xxxiij bobus que valet .. xiij s iiij d
Et pastura separalis pro xij vaccis et valet .. x s
Item pastura pro cc bidentibus, que valet .. xvj s viij d
Item de redditu assiso .. .. xxiij marce vj s vij d

WILETON—membrum.

Est ibidem unum mesuagium cum gardino et valet per annum .. .. .. v s
Item ciiij^{xx}iij acre, unde c, pretium acre viij d, et iiij^{xx}iij acre, pretium acre vj d .. viij marce xviij d
Item de prato xiij acre, pretium acre ij s .. Summa xxvj s
Item lxvj acre pasture que valent .. .. vj s viij d
Et xv acre subbosci que valent .. .. iij s
Et medietas unius molendini aquatici, que valet.. x s
Et de redditu assiso .. .. viij li vj s
Et de operibus et consuetudinibus .. .. xxx s
Et placita et perquisita curiarum valent .. xxx s

WESTCOMBELOND (1)—membrum.

Est ibidem unum mesuagium non edificatum, cum gardino et valet .. .. .. v s
Et una carucata terre sterilis et debilis et valet .. xiij s iiij d
Et v acre prati pretium acre ij s .. Summa x s
Item pastura que valet .. .. .. xl s
Et unum molendinum aquaticum quod valet .. vij s
Et de redditu assiso per annum .. viij marce viij s
Et de placitis et perquisitis curiarum cum denario decenno .. .. .. vij s vij d ob.

(1) in Buckland St. Mary.

LOPENE—membrum.

Est ibidem unum mesuagium ruinosum et valet .. ij s
Item iiij^{xx} ix acre terre, pretium acre xij d et valent per annum .. .. .. iiij li x s
Et x acre prati pretium acre ij s et valent .. xx s
Item de redditu Capellani per annum .. vj s
Et de redditu forinseco .. .. .. ij marce
Et pastura pro c bidentibus pretium capitis j d Summa viij s iiij d

LODE—membrum.

Est ibidem unum mesuagium ruinosum et valet per annum .. . .. v s
Item c acre terre, pretium acre xij d .. Summa c s
Et xij acre prati, pretium acre ij s vj d Summa xxxv s
Et de redditu assiso per annum .. .. c s
Item opera et consuetudines nativorum valent .. xxxj s viij d
Et placita et perquisita curiarum valent .. xiij s iiij d

BRISTOLL—membrum.

Est ibidem una parva ecclesia appropriata, que valet per annum .. .. .. iiij marcas
Et de redditu assiso per annum .. ij marce et dimidia
Et placita et perquisita curiarum valent .. j marcam

WORLE—membrum.

Sunt ibidem vij^{xx}xiiij acre terre, vj acre prati, et dimittebantur per fratres Templi Thome le Parlur ad terminum vite reddendo per annum viij marcas

HIDON (1)—membrum.

Est ibidem terra, pratum, et l s annui redditus et dimittuntur ad firmam pro .. .. lx s

TEMPLETON (2)—membrum.

Valet per annum in omnibus exitibus .. x marcas

CLEYHANGRE (2)—membrum.

Valet per annum .. .. .. vj marcas
Summa totalis recepti et proficui .. cvj li xiij s.

REPRISE.

Inde ex expensis domus pro preceptore, ij fratribus suis, et aliis de familia sua, videlicet,—

(1) This is Temple-Hydon on Mendip. See Collinson II. 236, who seems to be in error when he says that it belonged to Witham Priory.

(2) These are two parishes in Devon—Templeton about 4 miles W. of Tiverton and Clayhanger just outside the Somerset border, about 5 miles S.W. of Wiveliscombe.

In pane furnito per annum lxx quarteria frumenti, pretium quarterii iij s .. summa x li x s
Et tantum quia multi sunt operarii pro domibus emendandis.
Et in cerevisia bracianda lxxviij quarteria, unde xl quarteria brasei ordei pretium quarterii ij s, et xxxviij quarteria avenarum pretium quarterii xviij d .. .. summa vj li ix s
Et in expensis Coquine ibidem per annum, per septimanam iiij s .. .. .. x li viij s
Item in Robis dicti Preceptoris ij fratrum, j senescalli pro curiis tenendis .. .. iiij li
Et in Mantellis preceptoris et ij fratrum et aliis eorum necessariis .. .. .. xliiij s
Et in Robis armigeri preceptoris x s; In stipendio j Carpentarii xx s; in Robis j Coci, Clavigeri, pistoris, Janitoris, Clerici, et Messoris xl s cuilibet dimidia marca .. Summa lxx s
Et in stipendiis eorundem vj famulorum, cuilibet iij s iiij d .. .. Summa xx s
Et in stipendiis ij garcionum preceptoris, cuilibet viij s .. .. .. Summa xvj s
Et ij pagettis cuilibet iij s .. Summa vj s
Et in stipendio senescalli tenentis Curias, et prosequentis negotia domus .. .. xl s
In vino, cera, et oleo pro capella .. .. vj s viij d
In stipendio unius capellani per annum .. xx s
In visitatione Prioris per iiij dies .. .. iiij li
In ferrura equorum preceptoris .. .. x s
In x quarteriis avenarum pro potagio faciendo pretium quarterii xx d .. .. xvj s viij d
In v quarteriis salis per annum .. .. xxx s
Et in domibus de novo faciendis per diversa loca dicte bajulie, que fuerunt asportate tempore regis et aliorum dominorum qui ea occupaverunt x marce
Et in prebenda equorum preceptoris et supervenientium per annum xl quarteria avenarum pretium quarterii xviij d .. Summa lx s

Pensio. Et Henrico Poer, ad terminum sue vite pro sursum redditione manerii de Lopene, qui habuit illud de dono domini Johannis de Beauchamp, qui occupavit dictum manerium post adnullationem Templi, ut capitalis dominus .. .. .. x marce
In donis dandis vicecomiti, clericis, et ballivis suis, et ballivis aliorum dominorum .. xx s
Summa omnium expensarum et solutionum lxvj li xiij s

Summa valoris.—Et sic remanent ad solvendum
ad Thesaurarium pro oneribus supportandis lx marce

Nomina Fratrum } Frater Robertus de Nafford, miles, preceptor.
Frater Robertus de Estrete, miles.
Frater Johannes de Wherwell.

40. DORSET AT THE REVOLUTION, 1688.—A valuable work by Sir George Duckett, Bart., on "*Penal Laws and Test Act*," printed for subscribers only, in 1883, has been brought to our notice by Mr. J. Batten. It is based upon Original Returns and Answers made to James II. by Lords Lieutenant and others, now forming part of the *Rawlinson MSS.* in the Bodleian Library, and contains a copy of papers relating to several English Counties, including Somerset and Dorset.

James II. had issued in April, 1687, a "*Declaration of Toleration and Liberty of Conscience*," by which he affected to dispense with the statutes which pressed heavily on Roman Catholics and Dissenters, followed by a "*Declaration of Indulgence*," in April, 1688,—and he further desired to obtain the repeal of those penal laws by Act of Parliament. To this end the Lords Lieutenant were desired to address certain questions to the Deputy Lieutenants and Magistrates of their Counties, and special agents were appointed to ascertain the feeling of the Country, and what course would probably be adopted in electing members to serve in Parliament. The following Returns relating to Dorset show the nature of the questions propounded and the answers given in reply, and the reports of the agents in regard to the probable action of the Boroughs. It is not deemed necessary to reprint those relating to Somerset, as they may be found in Mr. Emanuel Green's "*March of William of Orange through Somerset*," printed in 1892, a volume readily accessible,—but those for Dorset are here given.

Answers of ye Questions from Dorsetshire.

The Lord Lieutenant's Return.

Three Questions propounded by John, Earl of Bristol, Lieutenant of the county of Dorsett, to the Deputy Lieutenants and Justices of the peace within his Lieutenancy, one by one, in pursuance of his Maties Instructions and commands, signified by a Letter from the Lord President, [Robert, Earl of Sunderland] dated 25 October 1687; together with their several names, to whom the Questions were proposed, and their respective Answers to every particular Question:

1. In case you shall bee chosen Knight of the Shire, or Burgess of a Towne, when ye King shall think fitt to call a

Parliament, will you be for taking off the Penal Laws and the Tests?

2. Will you assist and contribute to the Election of such members (of Parliament), as shall be for taking off the Penal Laws and Tests?

3. Will you support his Majesties Declaration for Liberty of Conscience, by living friendly with those of all Perswasions, as subjects of ye same Prince, and good Christians ought to do?

Deputy Lieutenants and Justices of the Peace; their names and answers to ye

	1st.	the second	and third Qu.
Sr William Portman	Refuseth	Refuseth	Consents.
Sr John Morton	Refuseth	Refuseth	Consents.
Sr Nathaniel Napier	Refuseth	Refuseth	Consents.
Sr John Webbe	Consents	Consents	Consents.
Sr John Arundel	Consents	Consents	Consents.
Sr Henry Butler	Refuseth	Refuseth	Consents.
Thomas Strangways	Refuseth	Refuseth	Consents.
George Penne	Consents	Consenteth	Consents.
Thomas Freke	Refuseth	Refuseth	Consents.
Francis Lutterell	Refuseth	Refuseth	Consents.
Robert Coker	Refuseth	Refuseth	Consents.
James Long	Is doubtfull	Is doubtfull	Consents.
George Ryves	Refuseth	Refuseth	Consents.
Robert Culliford	Refuseth	Refuseth	Consents.
Robert Seymour	Refuseth	Refuseth	Consents.
John Hurding	Refuseth	Refuseth	Consents.
Thomas Turberville	Refuseth	Refuseth	Consents.
Henry Constantine	Refuseth	Refuseth	Consents.
George Hussey	Consents	Consenteth	Consents.
Thomas Chafe	Refuseth	Refuseth	Consents.
Robert Oxenbridge	Refuseth	Refuseth	Consents.
Thomas Erle	Refuseth	Refuseth	Consents.
Francis Mohun	Refuseth	Refuseth	Consents.
William Bowles	Refuseth	Refuseth	Consents.
Robert Williams	Refuseth	Refuseth	Consents.
Gregory Alford	Consents	Consents	Consents.
John Still	Refuseth	Refuseth	Consents.
Richard Fownes	Refuses	Refuseth	Consents.
Charles Brune	Refuseth	Refuseth	Consents.
John Fitch	Consenteth	Consents	Consents.
Edward Miller	Refuseth	Refuseth	Consents.
William Strode	Refuseth	Refuseth	Consents.
John Ironside	Refuseth	Refuseth	Consents.

And as to his Majesties Commands relating to the Corporations within my Lieutenancy, I have made the best Enquiry I can, and doe not find that there is a person in any of them who

will comply with these measures that hath Estate and Interest enough to be chosen Parliament man, most of them being Tradesmen, &c.

And lastly as to what Roman Catholicks and Dissenters are fitt to be added to the Lists of Deputy Lieutenants, or to the Com'ission of the Peace, Sr John Webbe, Sr John Arundel, George Hussey, and George Penny, who are in the Com'ission of the Peace already, may be fitly added to the List of Deputy Lieutenants. Also Michael Harvy (who has been accounted a Dissenter) is qualified to serve his majesty in both capacities.

(Endorsed), Dorsetshire,
May, 1688.

[Rawl. MS., 139 A, ff 188-190.]

EDITOR FOR DORSET.

(*To be continued.*)

41. CHARTERS AT SANDFORD ORCAS.—The three charters, extended copies of which are now printed, were found at the Manor house, Sandford Orcas, Somerset, at the time of its restoration in 1873. (See *Ante* III. xxiv. 322). They are taken from copies in Mr. Hutchings' possession and have been carefully compared with the originals which are also in his keeping, and are now given by his kind permission.

EDITOR FOR DORSET.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod Ego Willielmus Symund de Saunford dedi concessi reddidi r[emisi] quietam clamavi pro me et heredibus meis Willielmo filio Pagani vnam dimidiam acram prati in Saunford scilicet in prato quod vocatur Pendemere Inter dominicum pratum dominorum ville de Saunford ex una parte et pratum Symonis de Syfrewast ex altera Habendum et tenendum sibi et heredibus suis vel suis assignatis bene et In pace libere et hereditarie absque omni seculari servicio inde faciendo inperpetuum, Ita quod nec ego uel heredes mei aliquid juris clamare poterimus in predicta dimidia acra prati inperpetuum. Et ego Willielmus Symund et heredes mei warantizabimus predicto Willielmo filio Pagani et heredibus suis uel suis assignatis predictum pratum contra omnes gentes Inperpetuum. Et pro hac donacione concessione [remiss] ione et quieta clamacione dedit mihi predictus Willielmus quatuor solidos sterlingorum premanibus. In hu [ius rei] testimonium huic scripto sigillum meum apposui Hiis testibus Domino Willielmo Aguyllun milite Nicholao de Sturis Waltero Manuyel Roberto Manuyel Roberto Peyteuyn Galfrido de la Linche et multis aliis.

Seal broken. Endorsed "Willielmus Symond."
Probably *temp.* Edw. I.

Pateat vniversis per presentes quod ego Henricus de Knoel filius Roberti de Knoel recepi die confectionis presentium de Edwardo de Knoel fratre meo centum solidos argenti pro duobus

annis et dimidio proxime sequentibus post diem confectionis presentium de quodam annuali redditu quadraginta solidorum in quibus idem Edwardus michi tenetur pro terris tenementis toftis et redditibus eidem Edwardo per me dimissis et concessis in Noua Sarum. De quibus quidem centum solidis argenti fateor me esse pacatum et predictum Edwardum heredes et executores suos fore per predictum terminum quietos. In cuius rei testimonium presentibus sigillum meum apposui. Data apud Novam Sarum die Jouis proximo post festum Sancti Gregorie Pape anno Regni Regis Edwardi Tercii a conquestu quinto.

L.S.

A.D. 1331. Small round seal of red wax, bearing two small figures within a panel, the latter surrounded by a legend.

Sciant presentes et futuri [quod ego Tho] mas le Baker dictus Daleman dedi concessi & hac presenti carta mea confirmavi Edmundo de [Sulden] unam acram & unam Rodam terre arrabilis in campo de Shirbourn una acra terre jacet inter terram que quondam fuit Roberti de Pywenham ex parte una et terram que quondam fuit Johannis de Cammel ex parte altera. Et Roda terre jacet inter terram que quondam fuit Willi' de Wyke & regiam viam. Habendum tenendum predictam acram & unam [rodam terre] arrabilis predicto Edmundo de Sulden & heredibus suis vel suis assignatis libere quiete integre bene & [heredi]tarie inperpetuum de capitalibus dominis fœdi illius per servicia inde deb[ita et] de jure consuet[a. Et ego dict]us Thomas le Baker & heredes mei predictam acram & unam [rodam terre arrabilis predicto Edmundo de Su]lden et heredibus suis vel suis assignatis contra omnes mortales waranti[zabimus In] cujus rei testimonium huic presenti carte mee sigillum me[um] apposui Hiis testibus..de Wodeton Roberto Lymbarnere Thoma Spa...[et] aliis Data apud Shirborn..in festo Sancti Petri in Cathedra anno regni regis Edwardi tertii post conquestum vices[imo] no[no] [1355].

42. Tyneham Notes, *concluded.* (IV. xxxi. 259, xxxiii. 288, V. xxxvii).—In the interest of anyone who may be investigating the dates and issue of Forms of Prayer and thanksgiving published by authority I give the following extracts:

1758. Jan., Paid for the fast Bookes, 1s.
1760. paid for a fast Book, 1s.
1762. Mar. 7, the fast Book, 1s.
,, May 20, Pd Docter Bond for a Proklemaction for alteraction of the form of Prayer for Queen Charrelet, 1s. [The Royal Marriage had been 8 Sept., 1761.]
1763. May 1, a proclaimation for fast Day, 1s.
1772. May 2, Pd for a Procklemation to Mr. Bond, 1s.
1779. Feb. 8, for a Book for the fast, 1s. 9d.

1779. Aug. 22, for a paper to promote Religion, 1s.
,, Sep. 12, for a prayer, 1s.
1780. Feb. 4, for a fast book, 1s.
Oct. 18, for a paper for Churching the Queen, 1s.
1781. Feb. 21, for a fast Book, 1s.
1782. Feb. 10, for a fast Book, 1s.
,, June 15, for a prayer and thanksgiving, 1s.
1788. Sept., for a Form of Prayer, 1s.
Nov. 30, for a prayer for the King, 1s.
(1789, 1790, 1791, 1793, 1795, 1798, 1801 and arrears, 1806 *bis*, 1809-1818, a payment of 1s. is uniformly made for 'artickels of in quire,' artickels for Visitaion,' or, 'arctkils for visitatsion.')
1793. Aprel the 18, pd. for 2 boocks for the fast, 1s.
1794. Feb. 28, fast Boocks, 1s.
1795. Feb. 8, Books for the fast, 1s.
1796. Jan. 26, pd Mr. Garland for a Form of Prayer for ye Princess of Wales, 1s. [Charlotte, dau. of Pr. Regent and Princess Caroline, was born 7 Jan., 1796.]
pd. Mr. Richard for 3 Fast Books, 1s.
Dec. 20, Prayer Books for the Fast, etc., 2s.
1797. Payd for 2 Prayer Books, 2s.
,, Nov. 5th, Pd for a Prayer for the Defeat of the Dutch Fleet, 1s. [By Adm. Duncan, near Camperdown. 11 Oct., 1797.]
,, Dec. 18th, Pd. for a thanksgiving Book, 1s.
1798. Mar. 3, a Fast Book, 1s.
,, June 9, a form of Prayer, 1s.
,, A Form of Prayer for a Fast, 1s.
1801. April 11, pd for Arears for fast boocks and Artickels of visitation, 4s. 6d.
1802. Jan. 13, pd for Boocks thanksgiven, 2s. 6d.
1803. April, thanksgiven Boocks, 3s. 6d.
,, Oct. fast Books, 4s.
1804. Mar. 6, pd for a prayer [for] the King, 1s.
1805. Mar. 25, pd for 2 prayers for the Church, 1s.
,, Nov. 11, thanksgeven Boocks, 1s. [Nelson at Trafalgar, 21 Oct., 1805.]
1807. Jan., for 2 fast Boocks, 1s.
1808. Jan., fast Boock, 1s.
1809. Jan. 28, fast Boocks, 2s.
1810. Feb. 10, fast Books, 1s.
,, Nov. the 3rd, pd for a prayer of thanksgiving, 1s. [Perhaps after Busaco, 27 Sept., 1810.]
,, 24, a prayer for the King, 2s.
1811. March 11, fast Books, 1s.
1812. Jan. 25, fast Boocks, 1s.

1812. Aug. 19, pd for prayer for the Vectketray, 1s. [Perhaps Salamanca, 22 July, 1812.]
1813. Feb. 27, for fast Books, 1s.
,, Do. for a paryer for the prenc regent, 1s.
,, Aug. 24, for thanksgeven Boock, 1s. [Perhaps for Vittoria and Pyrenees.]
,, Oct. 16, for prayer for Victreary, 1s. [Supplication before Leipsic.]
1815. Sep. 28, for thanksgiving prayer, 1s. [After Waterloo, 18 June, 1815.]
1818. July 30, for Thanksgiving Prayer, 1s.
1819. July 22, pd for the Notice for the Royal Famy. 2s.
1825. Jan., pd. for Two Copies of the New Marriage act, 2s.
,, pd. for the act [of] parliament, 4s.
[In 1820, 10 Aug., pd for Notice, 4s.; 1821, June 17, and 1822, June 1, 1823, June 2, for Notice, 1s.,; 1825, Jan. 9, for Notice of Visitation, 1s.; 1825, May 29, for Notice, 1s.]

A few other payments may be noted.

1754. Aug. 5. Paid for a Regester Book, 5s. [This is a paper book bound in parchment, containing Banns from Aug. 18, and Weddings from Sept. 2, 1754, to July 29, 1811.]
1786. Aug. 24, (apparently at the Visitation centre,) for a comen prayer book, 1s.
1787. (On a similar occasion), For a common Prayer Book, 9s.
1802. April 15, pd Mr. Wright for A Regester Book, 15s.

This I suppose had been due for some little time, or else the book was ordered *not before it was wanted*, for the Burials and Baptisms in the parchment book bound in rough calf, begin as early as September, 1800. This volume was laid aside in 1812-13.

1808. Jan. pd for a praier Boock for the Church, 7s. 6d.
1812. Jan. 6, pd for Binden Boock, 4s. 6d.
1822. Oct. 6, pd Groves for Binding Books, 1l. 1s. od.
1827. Aug., pd Mr. Grove's Bill for Binding the Church Books, 1l. 16s.
1847. Aug 11, Parchment for Registers, 6s.
1853. Ashipps Bill for Registers, 5s.
1856. Ashipp Bill 2 Registers, 2s. 6d.

The last three entries probably relate to the transcript of the year's entries in the Church registers which are required to be made on special parchment folios by the parson, and attested by the Churchwarden and deposited with the Registrar of the Diocese under an act of 52, Geo. III. These returns have been more regularly kept in the Diocese of Sarum than in other places. In former times they were privileged to go post free.

There is not much in the accounts to recall the local customs of Dorset. Once, in 1769, the dairyman is mentioned. ('pd Deariman tinham ffor a bagger'—*i.e.*, a badger, 1s.) The following entries seem to indicate an anticipation of the 'truck system,' a payment in kind in the usual Dorset viands, in the year 1768, 'Bush a Chees, 1s., Paid Edward Meech for mending the wall, 1s. 2d.—Bush had a chees and Bred, 1s. 4d.'

What was 'the melitsha chest,' for which 12s. was expended in 1758? It was required to hold the muskets, clothes and accoutrements of the Militia-men who were to be raised by the parish. It Rutland the Glaston Constable with two men in 1759 attended three meetings of the Gentlemen at Uppingham, for raising the Militia, and in 1766 they paid a guinea 'to a man for serving the militia, and about 1769-72 'Milisher' or 'Melitiah Notceisis' (notices) were annually received by the officers of that parish. As to Tyneham itself, the Rev. John Bond of Tyneham House, now in his 96th year, recollects the pile of roughly made ashen pikes, shod with iron spikes, the shafts about six feet in length, the spikes another foot, which were stored in the house when his father (Mr. W. Bond, mentioned above) was rector, when Napoleon Bonaparte was expected 'in his flat-bottomed boats, each containing 100 Frenchmen,' to attempt a landing at Weymouth or at some other nearer beach. Then the men were to turn out to give him a rough welcome, and the Rector was to transport the aged people to Tincleton common, near Dorchester, for safety. After some lapse of time, when Napoleon's power was shattered, the Government sent to fetch the pikes away.*

CHRISTOPHER WORDSWORTH.

43. BARTLETT OF BROADWAY, DORSET.—I should be glad to receive any information regarding Thomas Bartlett, Rector of Broadway in 1622, or his family. Apparently the Broadway registers are not in existence previous to 1660.

R. G. BARTLETT.

44. MARNULL, A GAME.—Is the game 'Marnull' known everywhere? It is only lately that I heard of it. My time of life, however, is that when one's ignorance of all things comes home to one.

H. J. MOULE, Dorchester.

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* By the (New) Militia Act of 2 Geo. III., made perpetual by 9 Geo. III., 'Dorset with the island of Purbeck and the town and county of the town of Poole,' was required to raise 640 private men. The same Act required Churchwardens to provide a Chest for accoutrements, &c., to be in charge of a Captain or Serjeant (cap. 20 § 104). The pikes for the Old (London) Militia, under 13 & 14 Car. II., cap. 4 § 6, were required to be ash, not less than 16 feet in length (head and foot included); and each Pikeman was to have also a Back, Breast, Head-piece, and Sword.

45. FIRING THE APPLE TREES.—This old superstitious custom has not yet died out in West Somerset and the neighbouring districts of Devon. The, '*West Somerset Free Press*" for January 25th, 1896, contains an account of the due observance of this ancient custom in the neighbourhood of Minehead, on Friday Evening, January 17th, that night being twelfth night, according to the old style. Shots were fired at the apple trees in the various orchards to induce them to bear a good crop next season. The wassailing song, followed by loud cheering, was then heartily sung, as follows:—

"Old apple tree, apple tree,
We are come to wassail thee;
To bear and to bow apples enow,
Hats full! caps full! three bushel bags full!
Barnsfull! and a little heap under the stairs,
Hip hip Hurrah."

Then the party moistened their throats with cider, which in most cases had been more than flavoured with elder wine, or some such cheering beverage, and after another song the party moved off to another orchard to carry out the same ceremony.

A Devonshire paper mentions that at Uffculme and Cullompton the same custom was carried out.

In Winsford and the surrounding villages Old Christmas day (Jan. 6th), is kept as a general holiday on the farms. A farmer would no more think of taking out a horse on that day, than he would on a Sunday.

W. DICKER, Winsford.

46. TWO SOMERSET WORTHIES, FATHER AND SON, *concluded*. (IV. xxxi. 247, xxxii. 285, V. xxxiii, 10.)—One other letter of this period may be added, for although undated it clearly belongs to the year 1702. The mention of the Bishop of Bath and Wells reminds us that this must have been Richard Kidder the unfortunate prelate who in the following year was killed by the fall of a chimney stack in the palace during the Great Storm.

"Couz Davis,

Yrs I received yesterday per ye Post, and shall prsue yr directions as farr as lyes in me. As to Mr. Salmons note for £81 drawne on Mr. Barnard I called in this forenoone & ye maide of ye house told me that his servant will be in London ye later end of next weeke When I shall receive ye money I will pay it into ye Bank & soe take a note for ye same sume payable to you or bearer according to yor first order therefore I was forced to part with my £85 bank bill to pay Willson ye Gouldsmith.

As to ye £300 recd of Rich. Whitworth, Esqre I have given you notice that I pd. £150 to Mr. Trolopp for ye use of Esq. Barker. And this day I have paid in to Michael Wilson ye Goldsmith in little Lumb Street for ye use of ye Bishopp of bath & Wells £130 vizt by my Bank note £85 and in money £45 which makes up ye sd £130 Soe then there is £20 in my hands of this £300 I doe now menc'on yr conclussion of yor letter yt I desire you allsoe to pay Mr. Wilson £50. ye £37 10s. wh. was to have been paid to Mr. Wallis & allsoe

ye £42 10s. that was to be pd to Mr. Sparrow on ye Bishopps acct. Mr. Sparrow will not receive it. I state this pticular And I write this to keepe matters fresh in our memoryes.

This day Judge Blencow's youngest Clerke who is an Attorney spoke to me that he had an order from Judge Blencow's sonn at Oxford under ye hand of ye sd sonne on acct & by ye order of his Uncle Wallis that I should pay ye sd Attorney ye sd £37 10s. I showed ye sd Attorney yor letter, And I told him that I could not doe it without further advice from you, and that I believed you would give me advice by ye next post to pay it to ye sd Attorney if Mr. John Wallis or ye Judge himselfe will order ye payment of it to ye sd Attorney. This business of paying of money to Wallis hath been a great deale of trouble to me therefore for ye future make it plaine and easy to me & that will make me easy to serve you.

I have satisfyed you before as to ye £11 Bill drawne on George Harris at ye Crowne in ye Poultry London by Wm. Westley being sent me at ye same time with ye above mencd £300 bill, this £11 Bill will not be paid.

As to yor £40 Bill left in my hands when you went out of Towne you have an Acct of that already yett to make things plaine I will mencone it againe Sent you at ye taverne £8 pd Mr. Thomas on acct of Sarah Waldoe."

The William Westley mentioned above was one of the leading citizens of the city of Wells. It is recorded of him that in the year 1701 he gave an engine to the city to be used in case of fire; as also a silver chalice and paten double gilt weighing 25oz. 10 dwts. A Common Prayer book, two damask napkins, and a box, to be kept by the Vicar of S. Cuthbert's for the more decent administration of the Holy Sacrament of the Lord's Supper to such sick persons who piously desire the same and cannot attend the publique Solemnity thereof: and also twelve buckets. He died in the year 1719, at the age of eighty-four, and his body lies in the nave of Wells Cathedral.*

The Mr. Salmon mentioned in the early part of this letter was a still more eminent citizen, having served the office of Mayor four times previously and three times subsequently to this date. It is said that he, as a justice of the peace, together with Matthew Baron the Mayor signed the warrant for the arrest of William Penn in 1695 for holding a religious meeting without the permission of the authorities. The family of Salmon had long resided in Wells, a William Salmon occurring as early as the third year of Henry VII.

A late Rector of Rodney Stoke and the present Rector of Weston-super-mare claim descent from him.†

The family of Baron was also one which took a prominent part both in Church and Civic affairs in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries at Wells. The name occurs in the roll of of Mayors nineteen times between the years 1693 and 1725. Their family mansion was according to Mr. Serel, in S. Cuthbert's street nearly opposite the church. The bodies of many of them

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* *Wells Cathedral*, Jewers, pages 25 and 26.
St. Cuthbert's Church, Serel, pages 83 and 84.

† id. p. 151.

now rest within that building. They have left a name behind them as great benefactors of that City.‡

In this same year 1702, William Dodington had many money transactions with men at Wells whose names still survive, but of whom we know but little. Among them was Arthur Mattock and William Merifield. The family of Mattock had been settled hereabouts certainly as far back as the Reformation, one John Mattock being chaplain of the chantry chapel of the Trinity in the parish church of Cheddar in 1548. There was also a Jasper Mattock at Axbridge, whose sister Charity Mattock was married to Richard Edghill of the same town in 1699. Arthur, known to William Dodington, died at the early age of thirty-nine in 1713. William Meryfield, whose family I think settled at Mere and Godney, was Churchwarden of S. Cuthbert's in the year 1696. A note is extant from him runing thus: "May 27th, 1702. To Mr. John Bocket and partner neare S. Christopher's Church in Threadneedle Streete in London.

This from Will Meryfeild."

There is also extant the will of a Mrs. Christabelle Merefield of S. Cuthbert's parish, who died in 1664, a sister-in-law of William Merefield*. Mrs. Merefied mentions her brother Richard Stacy in her will; and connected with the family of Stacy is that of Guido Clinton, Guido Clinton having married Ann Stacy in 1664.

It was mentioned at the beginning of this paper that William Dodington employed George Jefferies as early as 1676. Three entries in his account book may be given in proof of this.

Hilly. Term, 1676.

	To Srjeant Jefferyes	..	20	0
1677	To Srjeant Jefferyes to retain him	..	10	0
	To Srjeant Jefferyes ye retaining	..	10	0

He also paid fees to Pollexfen, the famous Whig barrister who was employed with Wallop to defend Richard Baxter. Lord Macaulay has given a vivid description of the scene. "Scarcely had Pollexfen begun his address to the jury when my Lord Chief Justice Jefferyes the unjust judge before whom Baxter stood broke forth "Pollexfen, I know you well. I will set a mark on you. You are the patron of the faction. This is an old rogue, a schismatical knave, a hypocritical villian. He hates the Liturgy. He would have nothing but long winded cant without book:" and then his Lordship turned up his eyes, clasped his hands, and began to sing through his nose, in imitation of what he supposed to be Baxter's style of praying, "Lord, we are thy people, thy peculiar people, thy dear people." Pollexfen gently reminded

‡ Ann Baron d. of William and Martha B. was married in Cheddar Church, Sept. 13, 1741. (see Register.)

*Jewer's *Wells Cathedral*, . 141.

the court that his late Majesty had thought Baxter deserving of a bishopric. "And what ailed the old blockhead then," cried Jeffreys, "that he did not take it?" His fury now rose almost to madness. He called Baxter a dog, and swore that it would be no more than justice to whip such a villain through the whole city."

Another person of note whose name occurs in William Dodington's accounts is Sir Francis Winnington. In Michaelmas term, 1678, he wrote this entry:—

"ffee to Sir Ffr. Winnington .. 2s. 6d."

John Evelyn writing in 1680 tells us that he was present on the 30th of November of that year at the trial of Viscount Stafford for conspiring the death of the King, and that Sir Francis Winnington, a famous pleader, was employed in the prosecution in the name of the Commons of England. Such were some of the eminent men of his day with whom William Dodington was brought into close connection in his practice.

Among the more amusing cases in which he was concerned was one about the theft of a petticoat with its laces in the year 1699. The following letter to Mrs. Penelope Brooking at Mr. Wise's at Totness reminds us of the cost to which ladies would go in those days in such articles of dress.

"Madam,

You being at a Broker's Shopp last summer in Holborne over agt St. Andrew's Church in London, As I am credibly informed by Mrs. Elizabeth ffortee of Lambeth, Widd my clyent (being presently after the time my sd clyent Eliz. ffortee was robbed at her house at Lambeth by one Ellena Walker who hath since suffered for that fact by being burnt in ye cheeke) you did as I am further imformed by my sd Client at the adjoyning Brokers Shopp overhear ye pson or thiefe profferring two petticoates (which were my Clients) to sell or pawne at ye Brokers Shopp And because the Broker refused to deale with her thinking they might be stolen which was afterwards proved upon her tryall you spoke as I am likewise informed by my sd Clyent to ye sd p'son or thief as soone as she came out And you asked her what she had to sell And besides you acquainted her that you wanted a Petticoate Whereupon you bought both ye stolen Petticoates for 33s., Which are thus described. One of them is the best of blue sattin with a Silver and Gold Lace near a quarter of a yard deepe, and a gold fringe at the bottom of the Lace, The other Petticoate is a redd Satin with 3 black Laces I am as plaine as I can (be) that you may be satisfyed that you bought the stolen goods as I am informed by my sd Client which were my Clyents, who expects satisfaccon from you for her sd petticoates & laces. Therefore I expect your Answer by ye next post or 2nd post what you intend to doe If I do not heare from you my Clyent must be forced either to p'secute you, or to bring an Acc'on at Law agt you for her said goods.

Which is all from Yor W.D.

New Inne without Temple 10th ffeb $\frac{1699}{1700}$.

This is to certify you that Mrs. ffortee had come downe herself into Devon but I p'swaded her not to take such a journey" [This is afterwards erased].

A letter written in the same month of the same year to a Madam Coke about a certain Captain Cock has dry humour about it which is amusing. We give it as it stands:—

"Madam Coke

I have spoken to a Buckinghamshire Attorney about Captn Cock And he tells

me that his ffriend was the person that was to purchase the estate of Cock, And his Uncle was to give security that Cock's Sonne should convey when of age, but the security was not approved of my ffriend informs me that Cock was as shye as a hawke, and it is difficult to take him in the Country because he is in ffee with the Bayliffes there. And if you have a Warrant directed to a speciall Bayliffe, to goe downe into the Country on purpose that will be a vast charge And as to arrest him here in towne that is allsoe difficult. As to the goods they have been seized allready and are made over, yett my ffriend thinks it advisible to seize the goods againe, and soe to try the issue. You know, Madam, that I have not as yett had one ffarthing of money of you, It is a little hard that I should be alwayes laying out of money, and not to receive. If you will take care to lett me have some money I will lay itt out agt Cock if you be soe minded, if not, then I desire you to appoint a time when I may receive the money due on my bill. I remaine

Your most humble servant

28 ffebry 1699 Wm. Dodington."

New Inne.

Another amusing affair in which he seems to have taken a keen interest is the following effort at match-making.* No names occur and therefore the gentleman and the lady are both unknown to us.

"Honrd Sir

I am sorry wee did not succeede in our first and last affair. Now there is an overture or offer that is more likely to succeede because it comes pretty near to an equivalent to yor estate wh. is as foll.—I believe you may have £12,000 downe wth a young Lady that is a prop match for yor Sonn soe as a joynture may be settled accordingly. And as I am credibly informed she is worth somewhat more wh. is expected to be secured for her owne disposall. I come in by a 3rd hand therefore it is expected that you be in towne yorselfe to discuss it with ye p'son that may be instrumentall to accomplish ye business who does expect a gratuity Sr yor answer is desired upon receipt thereof. This is from yor most h. servt. W.D.

21 ffeb 1702."

The last entries of William Dodington in the book belong to the Spring of 1704. They are headed—"An Account of ye charges relating to the purchasers of Esq. Cheek's estate." The items of 'costs' have a strange sound to our ears to-day, who are no lawyers, but perhaps they may be familiar to the profession. At any rate, they may be given as a specimen of legal charges two hundred years ago, and are not without interest from the references they contain to men and women then living.

Somst 26 ffeby 1702.	Inter Thomam Durston & al. Quær Et Edwd Cheek Ars & Annam uxor Ejus Def. Demandio de Moore. .....Dedimus	1	5	2
Given Cursitor's Clerk 1 pd Expedicon 1st fee suing out the Dedimus			3	4
24 & 25 March	ffor my trouble & ye other Commsns in Calling at Purge when ye Esq. & his Lady did putt off ye acknowledging ye fine.	000	11	08
Pascho 1704	ffor my ffee and ye other Commsns ffee in goeing to Russell Streete to take ye Capcon of this Ded of the Esq. and his Lady	000	13	04

*See fo a case of "Courting and Wooing" "N. Ferrar his household and his friends." Longmans p. 81.

Writt of Covenant & Duty	000 07 06
Pd the Judge's Clerke on taking ye oath on due Execucon of ye dedimus	000 04 00
ffine to the Queen	004 10 00
ffee Compounding ye fine	000 03 04
Inrollin & of fine & expedicon	000 01 08
Custoo (?)	000 03 08
Queen Silver	000 02 04
Chirographer	000 06 02
Indtures being 2 warrantys & Expedicon to the Clerk ..	000 05 00
Expedicon thro all ye offices	000 02 00
ffee sueing out ye ffine..	000 06 08
Inter Johem Paine gen & al quær de mandio de Northload—the same charge but only ye ffine to ye Queen was about 3£	008 05 06
Inter Johem Morse et al quær de mandio de Aishcott ..	008 05 06
Pd porteridge of ye first p'cell of writings from Woodster to New Inne	000 00 06
Pd Coach hire 5 Aprill when I left a letter at ye Esq. house in Russell Street	00 01 00
6 Aprill Pd Carri'r for ye next p'cell of writeings 2s. 6d. pd. for a lawyers bagg 2s. 6d., pd porter to bring them to New Inne 6d.	00 05 06
ffor these two dayes trouble	000 06 08
ffor my several attend on Mr. Marten & in Lincolnes Inn Feilds to see ye Lady Russell execute her Release ..	00 06 08
21 Aprill Pd for a post letter from Mr. P. Davis with with another letter directed to Esq. Cheek being very long	000 00 09
22 ditto Pd Mr. Harrison ye Station'r at New Inne Gate in being a Witness, &c.	00 05 00
ditto ffor my extraordry trouble in paying ye Esq. £630 ..	06 08
8 May Spent at ye Castle taverne in ffleete St. on Mr. Marson and Mr. ffawson and witnesses	00 12 00
13 ditto Spent at ye Crowne taverne in ffleete St. in ye prsence of Mr. Wm. Evans, &c.	00 08 08
22 May ffor my attend in settling ye Esq. Cheek's acct. and him £870	000 06 08
24 ditto ffor my extraordinary trouble and care in ye managemt of ye £1000 bill that there might be noe miscarriage	001 01 06

A. GUINEA.

Here his account closes. For the rest of his life he probably relinquished his legal practice: he was now fifty-five years of age, and had lived longer than his father or his brother. At any rate the only notice left of him after this is that of his death and burial. On the south wall of the Chantry Chapel on the north side of the parish church of Cheddar is a marble slab with this inscription:—"Resurgam Gulielmus Dodington Generosus Obijt 22 Martij 1808"; and beneath it the Arms of Dodington quartered with those of Rookes of Lambeth. The entry of the burial of his body in the register records the bare fact, with the date "1708 Wm. Dodington, Esqre. Apl. the 2nd."

JAMES COLEMAN.

46. DORSET ADMINISTRATIONS.—*Continued.*—(II. ix. 10, x. 49, xi. 78, xii. 113, xiii. 150, xiv. 178, xv. 217, xvi. 242, III. xvii. 8, xviii. 57, xix. 94, xx. 151, xxi. 183, xxii. 233, xxiii. 279, xxiv. 323, IV. xxv. 11, xxvi. 38, xxvii. 77, xxviii. 123, xxix. 173, xxx. 209, xxxi. 251, xxxii. 298, V. xxxiii. 11).

1660

Folio.	Name of Deceased.	Parish.	Grantee and Relationship to deceased.	Date of Administration.
148	Alborne, Richard	Moore Critchell	Elizabeth, relict	22 Sep., 1660
97	Bayley, Gregory	Melcombe Regis	Anne, relict	18 July, 1660
139	Benfield, Isaac, bachelor	Corfe Castle	Dorothy, widow, mother	18 Sep., 1660
201	Bond, Robert,	Owermoigne	Jane, relict	8 Dec., 1660
	Boyte, William	(This name is entered in the Calendar as of Dorset, but it cannot be traced in the Administration Act Book.)		May, 1660
116	Bryant, Thomasina	Burton	Abraham, son	31 Aug., 1660
98	Burge al's Hilson	See Hilson		
149	Carey, Mary	Corfe Castle	Nathaniel, son	8 Oct., 1660
111	Case, John	Wootton	Thomas, father	11 Aug., 1660
148	Clavell, William	Winfrith Newborough	Thomazine, relict	13 Sep., 1660
111	Cleeves, Swithen	Buckleberry, Litchett Matrevers	Anne Cole, sister	27 Aug., 1660
98	Colmer, John	Broadwindsor	Bridget, relict	10 July, 1660
27	Cotton, William	Charlton	Mary Cotton al's Meeringe, daughter	17 Apl., 1660
111	Dewy, Richard	Beare, Litchet Minster	Margaret, relict	8 Aug., 1660
151	Diskett, Andrew	Puncknell	Edward, son	13 Oct., 1660
98	Donne, Robert	East Knoyle	Hester, relict	18 July, 1660
93	Downe, Nicholas	Sherborne	Joane, relict	27 July, 1660
148	Dyer, Peter	Frampton	Elizabeth, wife of Henry Rossiter, sister	24 Sep., 1660
200	Farra, Thomas	Corfe Castle	Sarah, relict	1 Dec., 1660
201	Fraunces, Edward	Milbury Osmond	Elizabeth, relict	4 Dec., 1660
148	Gasse, Grace	Chetnol, Yetmister Co. 'Somerset'	Magdalene, wife of Richard Case, "nepti"; and next of kin	9 Sep., 1660
139	Hallett, John, junr.	Bridport	Anne, relict	14 Sep., 1660
111	Harrie, Henry	Ockeford Fitzpaine	Elizabeth, relict	8 Aug., 1660
153	Hastings, George, Sir	Woodland	Robert Willlams, principal creditor	6 Oct., 1660
148	Hearne, John	Bingham	Henry, Thomas, Maximilian and Joane Game, minors, next of kin of Thomas Game, late of Limbrey, Dorset	3 Oct., 1660

Folio.	Name of Deceased.	Parish.	Grantee and Relationship to deceased.	Date of Administration.
98	Hilson al's Burge, Matthew	Marnehall	Mary, relict	17 July, 1660
154	Kitche, Thomas	Bridgwater Co. 'Dorset'	Richard, brother	31 Oct., 1660
6	Ludlow, Benjamin, gent.	Late of Ireland but at seige of Corfe Castle.	Henry, son; Joyce, relict, and Edmund, another son, renouncing	22 Mar., 1660
111	Morgan, Thomas	Hanley	Joane Shadwell al's Morgan, wife of John Shadwell, daughter	9 Aug., 1660
192	Napper, James	Poole	Anne, relict	31 Dec., 1660
63	Phippard, John	Poole	John, son; Joane, relict, renouncing	1 May, 1660
112	Purdie, Thomas	Abbey Milton	Elizabeth, daughter	17 Aug., 1660
58	Roberts, John	Buckland Newton	Celina, relict	1 May, 1660
139	Roberts, Narcissus	Ashpuddle	Charles, son	3 Sep., 1660
149	Short, Robert	Chidiocke	Elizabeth, relict	24 Oct., 1660
154	Spratt, John	Bridport	Elizabeth, relict	8 Oct., 1660
112	Trew, Peter	Whitcliffe, Purbeck	Ann, relict	9 Aug., 1660
177	Way, John	Litchet Minster	John Henning and Henry Rives, guardians of Thomas, John and James Way, children of deceased	10 Nov., 1660
154	White, Ann	Affpuddle	Henry Holland, uncle and guardian of John White, son of deceased	22 Oct., 1660
174	Wright, John	Shaston	Nicholas Burd, principal creditor	22 Nov., 1660

Note.—There are no administrations recorded in the Act Book for the months of January and February of this year.

1661

7	Andrews, William	Sutton Pointz	Catherine, now wife of Thomas Eyres, relict	14 Jan., 1661
7	Baker, Nicholas	Warham	Margaret, relict	5 Jan., 1661
31	Barrett, Henry	Waymouth	Rebecca, mother	12 Mar., 1661
57	Clarke, Richard	Borstall, Stoke (East)	Mary, relict	7 June, 1661
8	Cooper, John	Shaston	Edith, relict	27 Jan., 1661
21	Dawe, Ellis	Catstocke	Robert Dawe, guardian of Thomas, Robert, John, Agnes, and Susanna Dawe, children of deceased	14 Feb., 1661
34	Edwards, Thomas	Lyme Regis	Alicia Wills al's Edwards, relict	27 Mar., 1661
21	Frankland, John	Beer Regis	John Gatche, father and guardian of Robert Gatche, "nepoti," and Jane Gatche, "nepti," next of kin	25 Feb., 1661

Folio.	Name of Deceased.	Parish.	Grantee and Relationship to deceased.	Date of Administration.
57	Greene, Richard	Gillingham formerly of Middle Temple London	William, brother	22 June, 1661
40	Hanham, James	Wimborne Minster	John, father (further grant July, 1672)	6 Apl., 1661
46	Lutterell, George	Cheddington	Margaret, relict	2 May, 1661
46	Painter, Richard	Canford	John, brother	6 May, 1661
8	Painter, William	Gillingham	John, brother	31 Jan., 1661
21	Prince, John	Bridport	Alice, relict	11 Feb., 1661
46	Roper, William	Venn, Abbot Stoke	Bridgett, relict	24 May, 1661
92	Ryves, Richard	Ranston died at Exeter.	George Ryves, next of kin	14 Sept., 1661
32	Wheeler, Arthur	Wimborne Minster died at sea in "Fearly" frigate	Anne, relict	6 Mar., 1661
59	Wheeler, William	Corfe Mullen	Elizabeth Stone al's Wheeler, daughter (previous grant July, 1649)	7 June, 1661
40	Woolley, George	Burstocke	Elizabeth, relict	16 Apl., 1661

1662

The Administration Act Book for this year cannot be found but the following names appear in the Calendar of Dorset folk to whose estates Administration was granted in 1662.

72	Cox, George	Dorset		Aug., 1662
71	Meachard, Joan	Dorset		Aug., 1662
101	Pitman, John	Poole		Dec., 1662
17	Roberts, Robert	Dorset		Feb., 1662

1663

55	Frampton, Anne	Buckland	Walter Frampton, son	29 May, 1663

1664

	Clarke, James	Weymouth died abroad	(grantee not given)	1 Mar., 1664
	Winter, Mary	Mudford (sic) "Co. Dorset."	Henry, husband (further grant March, 1669)	2 July, 1664

1665

6	Hart, William	Witchampton	Marmaduke and Roger, brothers, with Henry Fifett principal (creditor?)	11 Jan., 1665
93	Napier, Margaret, Dame	Moore Critchell	Gerard Napier, knt and bart, husband	19 June, 1665
20	Raymond, John	Morebath	Mary, widow, mother	20 Jan., 1665

1666

192	Allambridge, Josias	Dorchester	Susanna, relict	3 Oct., 1666

Folio.	Name of Deceased.	Parish.	Grantee and Relationship to deceased.	Date of Administration.
146	Beere, Bartholomew	Weymouth	Thomas, brother	2 July, 1666
93	Bertram, Thomas	Lyme Regis	Alice, relict	13 Apl., 1666
236	Birt, James	Thornford, died in Wood St., Compter, London.	Frances, relict	8 Dec., 1666
158	Booby al's Herne, Elias	Dalwood	Joane, relict (further grant Mch. 1669.)	8 Aug., 1666
123	Brent, Grace	Honiborne	Bridget Brent, sister	6 June, 1666
123	Brent, Thomas	Honybrook	Bridget Brent, sister	6 June, 1666
146	Carswell, Thomas	Lyme Regis died at Barbadoes.	Martha, relict	14 July, 1666
236	Dennett, Alexander	Poole died at Bristol.	William Pike, Edward Patten, and William Minty, guardians of Alexander, Edward, and Samuel Dennett, children of deceased	10 Dec., 1666
123	Downing al's Downe, William	Dalwood	Grace, relict	21 June, 1666
192	Faireclough, Nathaniel, clerk	Stalbridge	Richard Faireclough, Richard Shute, and Samuel Faireclough "patruis" and guardians of Samuel, Elizabeth, Nathaniel, John and Posthumous Faireclough children of deceased. Elizabeth, relict, not administering. (Previous grant Nov., 1656.)	2 Oct., 1666
	Ford al's Symes	see Symes		
122	Frampton, Robert, bach.	Mourton died in Co. Wilts.	Richard, brother	25 June, 1666
146	Gregory, Henry	Weymouth	Mary, relict	5 July, 1666
	Heane al's Yardley	see Yardley		
	Herne al's Booby	see Booby		
93	Jolyffe, Christiana	Dorchester	Henry Bestland, gen:, creditor	21 Apl., 1666
207	Lakes, Edmund	Melplash, Netherbury	Susanna, daughter	12 Nov., 1666
192	Langford, Nathaniel	Bridport	Joan Dyme, principal creditor	31 Oct., 1666
192	Lyde, James	Lyme Regis	Toby Thomas, attorney of Eulalia, relict, "in ptibus remotis"	31 Oct., 1666
146	Matticks, Richard	Weymouth died abroad.	Phillippa, relict	5 July, 1666
206	Pope, Joseph	Lyme Regis	Mary, relict	12 Nov., 1666
236	Righton, Laurence	Dorchester	Anne, relict	27 Dec., 1666
206	Short, Robert	Bridport died abroad.	Charity, relict	21 Nov., 1666

Folio.	Name of Deceased.	Parish.	Grantee and Relationship to deceased.	Date of Administration.
123	Symes al's Ford, William	Poorestock	Anne, relict (further grant Nov., 1668.)	29 June, 1666
93	Wallis, Richard	Waymouth	Catherine, relict	10 Apl., 1666
206	Wrixon, Christopher	West Milton Poorestock	Mary, relict, and Paul Walrond, nephew, sister's side	5 Nov., 1666
146	Yardley al's Heane, Elizabeth	Weymouth	Richard Yardley, husband	19 July, 1666

GEO. S. FRY.

(*To be continued.*)

47. ALFORD FAMILY OF CO. SOMERSET. (V. xxxiii. 26).—This family has been established in the County from a very early date, the Taxation Rolls 1 Edward III. including the names of Thomas Alford and John Alford; and the Record Office MSS. mentioning John Alford, Clerk, 9 Edward III. The Pedigree of the present Alford family of Co. Somerset is complete and capable of distinct proof from the marriage in 1564 of Henrie Alford of Weston Zoyland with Julian Woodruffe, through ten generations, down to the present time.

These Alfords of Somerset were land-owners in the County, as is still the case, and two members of the family were County Magistrates; but they became known chiefly as a clerical family,—"a veritable family of the priesthood,"—every clergyman of the name of Alford without exception belonging to this family, and six successive generations in two diverging lines having taken Holy Orders.

These two lines are commonly known as "the Bishop's" and "the Dean's" branches,—referring respectively to Chas: Richd. Alford, D.D., formerly Bishop of Victoria, and Henry Alford D.D.; late Dean of Canterbury.

Looking back to their common descent, Matthew Alford of Weston Zoyland, son of Henrie above mentioned, married Mary Trevillian, and died in 1639. His son Thomas, and grandson Richard, continued the family line,—both of Weston Zoyland, the latter being Churchwarden at the time of the Monmouth rebellion, and having made interesting entries in the Parish Book concerning the battles of Sedgmoor and Langmoor. His cousin Gregory Alford, as Mayor of Lyme Regis, is mentioned in Macaulay's *History of England* in the same connection. Richard Alford died in 1693. Thomas his son became Vicar of Curry Rivel, married Frances Powell of Heale House, Somerset, and died 1708. Their son Thomas Alford was Vicar of Weston Zoyland and of Ashill, and also Prebendary of Wells. He married Mary Standfast, and died 1777.

In the two sons of the above came the divergence of the two branches of the family, Thomas Alford being Vicar of Ashill and

of Chard, and Samuel Alford Vicar of Curry Rivel and Dean of St. Burian.

(1) The former married the daughter of the Rev John Coles, 50 years Vicar of Bridgwater, and died 1805. Their son Charles was 50 years Rector of St. Audries, West Quantoxhead, married Elizabeth Symes, and left four sons, of whom the eldest, Chas. Richd. Alford, became Bishop of Victoria in 1867,—whose son is the writer of these Notes.

(2) The "Dean's branch" was founded by the above Samuel Alford of Curry Rivel, whose grandson was Dean of Canterbury. Samuel Alford inherited the Heale Estate from the family of his grandmother Frances Powell, and died 1799. This estate passed through his son Samuel Alford, Vicar of Muchelney, to his grandson Walter Alford, Vicar of Drayton, who died in 1892. This branch is the more numerous.

(3) Another branch of the family, of earlier divergence, was connected with Bridport and other places in Dorsetshire, and with Bowe, Wear Gifford, &c., in Devonshire. These are known as the Lewis Alfords.

(4) The enquiry made in the March Number of *S. & D. N. & Q.*, and which led to the present article, shows that from Whitstantone and Chard the Alford family became grafted in America. This divergence took place in 1630, and it is worthy of note that amongst several variations of spelling, that of "Alvord" was not unknown in Somersetshire, being a natural result of the '*Zumerzet*' dialect.

(5) A flourishing branch of the Alford family in Queensland, Australia, must not be omitted, though this is a late divergence from the "Bishop's Branch."

Distinctly a Somerset family, the Alfords spread here and there into Dorsetshire, Devonshire, and Wiltshire. Some connection is also manifest with the Northern family of the same name, long since extinct, which spread into Yorkshire, Berkshire, and Sussex, but had its origin in "Robertus, Dominus de Aldford in Com. Cestriæ, tempo. Henry II."

J. G. ALFORD, Stoke Bishop Vicarage, Bristol.

P.S. I shall be grateful for any contributions to my Notes on the family in question, especially for some between the years 1350 and 1500, or for some monumental inscriptions.

48. The only Alford in my memoranda is Bartholomew Allford who was ratepayer in Buckland St. Mary in 1685. This however will not, I fear, be of much use to Mr. Alvord who I understand is iooking for ancestors, not cousins of no matter how many removes.

But I should like to know which Richard Standerwick is referred to, whether the son or the brother of John Standerwick Clothyer or the son of his brother William Standerwick, all of whom are I believe referred to in the Will of Edmund Pynney of Broadway (1631) a most valuable document which however I have not at this moment at hand.

JOHN WM. STANDERWICK (of Broadway, Somerset.)

49. BACK. — "Back," anciently spelt "Bakke," is a name which occurs repeatedly in the older portion of Bristol.

(1) "The Bakke," now known as "the Welsh Back," probably because the small Welsh traders lay there, is on the W. bank of the Avon, just S. of Bristol Bridge. On the opposite bank of the river is

(2) "Redcliffe Back."

(3) "St. Augustine's Back," on the side of the Frome—the other branch of the waters between which the original city stood.

(4) "Temple Back," usually called or written "Back*s*," is further up the Avon on the same side of the River as (2.)

(5) "St. James' Back"—now swept away by street improvements—appeared to have no connection with either river, but it was actually in the same line as the Frome before it was arched over.

(6) "Holow Bakkes" mentioned in *Ricarts Calendar* under date of 1484. I am unable to suggest where this was. The name has altogether died out. The conversion of the rivers into a Floating Harbour early in this century did much to obliterate ancient landmarks.

Now, as to the query whether the word "back" meant a wharf or a ferry—in my view decidedly the former. The use of the name would not be confined, in any one case, to such an extent as would be applicable to a ferry or its approaches. From a quarter to a half mile would be the length of each instance.

In Hofnagle's Map of Bristol the words "y Backke" appear to be applied to a large piece of vacant ground (with (?) a wharf wall) against or near which two small vessels (the only ones on the plan) are lying. The other "Backs" are not named.

Miss L. Toulmin Smith, in her notes to *Ricart's Calendar* (edited for the Camden Society N.S. p. 40) suggests "appears to mean the street at the back of the water." Such a meaning would fit in with the circumstances in each case. I venture to suggest also—but with the greatest diffidence—whether the original word might not have been "bank," the "n" being dropped. We have in Bristol "under the Bank" applied to a similar position on the Frome, and "Bankside" is not infrequent in London and elsewhere. The German "bach"=a small stream, and the North Country "beck" will not meet the circumstances.

JAMES R. BRAMBLE.

50. KING OF WEST HALL, DORSET. (III. xx. 148).—In the Register of Winterborne Whitchurch, near Blandford, occurs the marriage of "The Rev. Mr. Jn° King and Mrs. Sarah Stacy of Westhall, Dorset," 15 Sept., 1748. This entry supplies a fact which was unknown to the writer when the account of this family was compiled. It may be added to Vol. III, p. 138.

A contemporary coloured sketch of a coat of arms within a lozenge, being those of Stacy, viz., *Azure, on a fess between three falcons Or as many fleurs-de-lis of the field*, is in the possession of Mr. H. J. B. S. King. C. H. M.

51. CLAUDE SCOTT, LYTCHETT MINSTER. (V. xxxiii. 29).—At pp. 84 and 90 of "*Memorials of the family of Scott of Scot's Hall in the County of Kent*" by James Renat Scott, F.S.A., printed in 1876 for private circulation, the Scotts, baronets, of Lytchett Minster, are said to be the representatives of the Scotts of Stapleford Tawney, Essex, who were supposed to be descended from Sir William Scott of Brabourne, Kent (of the Scot's Hall family) who died about 1350. See also Morant's *Essex*.

GEO. S. FRY, Inglewood, Walthamstow.

52. OLD SAYINGS. (IV. xxxii. 315).—I have known the expression "*up to snuff*" for over five and thirty years, but I have never heard it used in the sense D.H.S mentions. As schoolboys we used it in the sense of having the knowledge of various things which comes with age and experience. Young boys fresh from home, ignorant of many of the ways of schoolboys, were said to be "not up to snuff" when they failed to understand references to those ways. The idea was that they were still very young, and not "up to" such knowledge, any more than they were "up to" using snuff like their elders.

FRANK PENNY, L.L.M.,
Bangalore, March, 1896. *Madras Chaplain.*

53. REV. RICHARD WEST, S.T.D., PREBENDARY OF WELLS, AND RECTOR OF SHILLINGSTON, CO., DORSET. (V. xxxiii. 25).—In Hutchins (3rd Edition) Vol. III, p. 450, is a pedigree of West of Shillingston, according to which the Rev. Richard West was son of Richard and grandson of Richard West.

Thomas West of Cotton End, Northampton, who married (2ndly) Dorothy, dau., of Richard Lane of Courteenhall, Co. Northampton, and who is referred to by the Revd. H. Isham Longden as the father of the Rev. Richard West is, according to the pedigree, his great great grandfather. The will of the Rev. Richard West was proved in 1690 in the Consistory Court at Blandford.

Mrs. Ann West (presumably his widow) was buried at Shillingston, Dec. 13, 1700.

GEO. S. FRY, Inglewood, Walthamstow.

54. MARRIAGE OF A NEW ENGLANDER.—The following entry occurs in the Poole Register, Dorset, under date 22 Oct., 1724:—

"Josua Dowsing of Boston in New England, and Sarah Stone of Poole, were married." DORSET EDITOR.

55. POUNSETT FAMILY. (IV. xxviii. 129, xxix. 164, xxx. 232.)—On the 30th June, 1665, Richard Baker of Galhampton, yeoman, leased a newly erected cottage and a parcel of ground, together 18 yards square, to Richard Pounsett also of Galhampton, *Cooper*, and 3 acres lying and being in a place called Hamgaston also in Galhampton. The witnesses were William Allam, Richard Barnes, Henry Bull, Peter Bull, William Wilmoth.

GEORGE SWEETMAN.

56. CORBEN FAMILY.—The Rev. N. Davis, Whitchurch, Charmouth, would be glad to know of any notices in registers or elsewhere of the Corben family. There were Corbins at Kingston (parish of Hazelbury Brian), Corbens at Kingston (Corfe Castle) and at Dinton, Wilts.

57. ENCYCLOPÆDIA OF SUPERSTITIONS.—The project of preserving the signs, omens, myths and superstitions of the whole world in a single comprehensive encyclopædia, which has recently been brought to our notice, is one to which we give our hearty support. Will anyone who is willing to co-operate in this important work, communicate with The Editor, Mrs. Cora Linn Daniels, Franklin, Mass., U.S.A.?

THE EDITORS.

58. SPORTS AT MAIDEN CASTLE, NEAR DORCHESTER, ON SEPT. 29, 1798.—A friend of mine recently purchased for a penny in the streets of London a reprint of the *Times* for October 3rd, 1798, which contained Nelson's Despatches announcing his great victory over the French at the Battle of the Nile. On the 3rd page of this copy of the *Times* is the following announcement of some sports at Maiden Castle, near Dorchester, which is worthy of being enshrined in *S. & D. N. & Q.* "Weymouth, Sept. 29.—This being the anniversary of the birth of her Royal Highness the Duchess of Wurtembergh, their Majesties' eldest daughter, the morning was ushered in with the usual demonstrations of joy; the ships in the harbour displayed their colours, and fired Royal salutes on the occasion.

The King, Queen, and all the Princesses, with a number of the Nobility, went to Maiden Castle, near Dorchester, to see the sports of the country people which were not over till late in the afternoon. The sports were announced in the following handbill:—

All persons of jovial, friendly, and loyal dispositions are

invited to be present at, and to partake of, the undermentioned country sports, which with others, to be declared upon the ground, are intended, if the weather be fine, to be exhibited at Maiden Castle, near Dorchester, this day, September 29, at eleven o'clock in the morning, in honour of the Birthday of her Royal Highness the Duchess of Wurtenbergh :—

"To be played for at cricket, a round of beef; each man of the winning set to have a ribband.

"A cheese to be rolled down the hill; prize to whoever stops it.

"A silver cup to be run for by Ponies. the best of three heats.

"A pound of tobacco to be grinned for,

"A barrel of beer to be rolled down the hill; prize to whoever stops it.

"A Michaelmas-day goose to be dived for.

"A good hat to be cudgelled for.

"Half a guinea for the best ass in three heats.

"A handsome hat, for the boy most expert in catching a roll dripped in treacle, and suspended by a string.

"A leg of mutton and a gallon of porter to the winner of a race of 100 yards in sacks.

"A good hat to be wrestled for.

"Half a guinea to the rider of the ass who wins the best of three heats by coming in last.

"A pig; prize to whoever catches him by the tail."

C. W. PENNY, Wokingham.

59. LEAF OF OLD MISSAL AT CASTLE CARY.—In the first volume of *S. & D. N. & Q.* (I. vi. 260) the late Mr. James Bennett suggested the noting of any portions of MSS. found in the covers of old Registers and Account Books. One such parchment leaf is carefully bound up in the earliest Register of Castle Cary Church, begun 1587, though the date of the first entry is 1564. The leaf is part of a nicely written Missal of the 14th or 15th century. It is folded now in the middle so as to form four pages, and has written upon its upper margin in Greek the names of two seventeenth century Vicars of the Parish. *Ἰωάννης Τομψὼν τοποτηρητὴς* 1627, Feb. 15th. Under this *Ιωαννεσ* (*sic*) *κρεεδε*. The word *τοποτηρητὴς* for Incumbent or Vicar is occasionally used by writers of that time. The dimensions of the leaf, now slightly reduced, must have been, at least, fourteen inches by nine; with two columns, of 40 lines each, on a page. The initial letters are blue, with red ornamentations and headings. Abbreviations are freely used throughout. The fragment begins in the middle of the Gospel for the Wednesday after the Fourth Sunday in Lent, with the words from St. John ix. 26, "tibi? Quomodo aperuit oculos?" After the last 14 verses of this Gospel follow the "Offertorium," "Secreta," "Communio," "Post Communio,"

and "Super populum" prayer for the same day; the last still used in the English Prayer Book as the Collect for the 10th Sunday after Trinity. Then follows the whole of the Proprium de tempore for the Thursday, the Sarum Gospel, St. John v. 17-29, taking the place now occupied in the Roman use by St. Luke vii. 11-16. Either fits in well with the Old Testament Lection "for the Epistle," 2 Kings iv. 25-38 (the history of the raising of the Shunamite's son). The beginning of the special features of the Friday Mass occupies the rest of the leaf and may be quoted as a specimen. The italicized words are in red, the bracketed letters are indicated by the usual abbreviations, the M and D are large initials in blue on red diapering. *ffr. vj. off.* Meditacio cordis meu⌈m⌉ consp[ec]tu tuo se[m]per d[omi]ne adjutor meus & rede[m]ptor me[us]. *Ps.* Celi en[arr]ant gl[or]iam dei et op[er]a manuu[m] ej[us] annu[n]ciat firmame[n]tu[m]. *Or*: Deus q[ui] ineffabilibus mundu[m] renovas sac[ra]mentis pr[æst]a q[uæsu]m[u]s ut ecc[les]ia tua et[ernis].

It is specially interesting that the surviving leaf of this old Service Book contains a portion of the beautiful course of special week-day Gospels and Old Testament Lections still used throughout Lent at the daily Mass. I need only add that I have collated the text with the Roman and Sarum Missals and find that the twenty-one small variations are not worth printing, most of them being obvious slips; six represent very insignificant differences between the Sarum and the modern Roman use.

A. W. GRAFTON.

60. NORTON-SUB-HAMDON ACCOUNTS.—The oldest Churchwardens' Account book for this parish dates from 1725. There are some entries in the earlier pages of the book which I do not understand, and should be much obliged if some reader of *S. & D. N. & Q.* can explain them. In the 1730 account is an entry thus—

	"For Hospital money"	14	0
1731.	"For Hospital and bridge money" ..	7	11
	Again "The Hospital and bridge money"	13	4
1732.	"Pd. the Hospital for the year 1732"	2	1
	Again "Pd. the Hospital	2	1
	Then "Laid out for the Hospital" ..	2	1
	And "Pd. the Hospital and bridge money"	5	11
1733.	"Pd. the Hospital and brige money"	5	10½

There are four other similar entries in this year's account for the following sums:—5s. 8d., 11s. 8d., 9s. 7d., and 5s. 11d.

1734.	"Pd. the Hospital"	2	1
	"The Hospital and brige money" ..	7	9
1735.	"The Hospital and brige money" ..	7	9
1736.	"The Hospital and brige money" ..	5	10

This is the last entry of the kind, and no sort of explanation is given of these payments, and although I have made many enquiries, no one has been able to tell me anything about the Hospital or the bridge for which this money was paid. As these contributions could not have been for any parish purpose, it seems probable that other parishes in the County must have made similar payments.

CHAS. TRASK.

61. BERKELEY NOTES FROM HIST. MSS. COM. REPORTS.—

1642, Oct. 24. (*Extract from letter*) "Sir Berkley of Brewton was taken at Witham at Sir Raphe Hopton's (gives an account of his capture in the house)." (*4th Report, p.* 296.)

1642-3, Feb. 15. Pass for a child of Sir Charles Berkley to be conveyed in a horse litter from Bruton in the County of Somerset to Oxford to be touched for the King's evil. (*5th Report, p.* 72.)

1688, Dec. 4. The Princes of Orange and Denmark stayed at the Earl of Bristols* till Friday last and went thence to Bruton, the Lord Fitzhardings house, and designed for Bristol, which city was delivered to the Earl of Shrewsbury who is made governor of it by the Prince of Orange. (*5th Report, p.* 198.)

F. W. WEAVER.

62. EARTHEN BANKS NEAR SWANAGE.—On the west side of Ballard Down, opposite Swanage, are certain very faintly defined banks and two scarps which to me are a puzzle. So slight are they that in scrambling over the ground you can hardly, if at all, perceive them. Most likely this shows great antiquity. From their careful laying out one would think that they were at first raised to a conspicuous height. If so, the almost total denuding away of them seems to imply a great lapse of time. Slight as they are they are very visible when a low strong light catches them. Now (in May) this takes place at about 5 p.m. Then, but only with such a light, you see from Swanage, or better still from the footpath to Whitecliff, a configuration that reminds you a little of the Greek fret. At the bottom of an excessively steep slope of Ballard Down is a piece about 15 yards long scarped to a steeper slant, say 5 yards high. At right angles to this, eastward, is a similar scarp on the side of a coombe or hollow running up the hill. Parallel to the edges of these scarps is a bank forming of course a right angle, and with an extension, again at right angles, reaching to the bottom of the steep. Above this is a similar bank with all three lines parallel to those of the first bank. But the horizontal reach of No. 2 is nearer to that of No. 1 than is its perpendicular one to the corresponding reach of No. 1. At the top of all is a very indistinct, horizontal ledge or linchet of

* Sherborne Castle, Dorset, the seat of John Digby, Earl of Bristol.

considerable length. This is a long story and not very plain, it is feared. It is hoped, however, that it may lead to an explanation of these banks from some one or more of the readers of *S. & D. N. & Q.* who may be at Swanage at this season. These banks to me are a puzzle, because on that barren steep, at the foot of it, it can hardly be that they have anything to do with garden, field, or house fence, nor with fortification, or burial. The coombe is about a quarter of a mile east of Whitecliff.

H. J. MOULE, Dorchester.

63. PIKEWELL CHAPEL IN THE PARISH OF FROME.—Where is Pikewell, Pykewell or Pykwell, and can it be identified with any hamlet in the present parish of Frome, Bath and Wells diocese, or any neighbouring parish? The chapel was extinct long before the time of Henry VIII.; the last presentation to it was in A.D. 1353. In the entry of the institution of the last priest, at the date mentioned, it is called the parish church of Pykwell and is described as "*exilis et valde tenuis*," which suggests a reason for its disappearance from that time from the Episcopal Registers. Any information on the chapel or the place would be acceptable.

E.M.T.

64. DORSET COURT ROLLS.—In my possession is an old paper book, 11½ by 7½ inches, 240 pages (first 26 pages missing) stitched into part of an old lease of James I.'s time which serves as its cover. The book contains Court Rolls of the following manors of Sir Edward Lawrence:—Knoll, Steeple, Creech, Affpudle, Pallington and Keysworth, co. Dorset. The first 26 pages are missing, so the first date is 24 Oct., 1627, and the last date 11th March, 1655-6.

Humfrey Jolyff, Gent., is Steward of all the manors 1627. To him succeeded Edward Vye, Gent., 1631, who was still Steward in 1656. The following extract from the book may be of interest.

Court of Affpudle held 9 Apl., 1638. "Memorand That "Thomas Thornehurst Esqr. att this p'sent cort hath payde unto "Edward Lawrence Esqr. Lord of this Mannor and Parson of "the Parrish Church of Affpuddle abovesaid six pence of lawfull "English money for that the said Edward Lawrence did pmitt "and suffer him the said Thomas Thornehurst to bury a childe "within the Chancell of the same Church."

The chief names of tenants are Clavell, Vye, Wriothesly, Toupe, Peverell, Parris, Okeden, and Scutt.

R. G. BARTLETT.

65. ADAMS—HALLET.—I should be much pleased if anyone can throw any light on the parentage of the Rev. John Adams, Rector of Seaborough, 1756-1779. He is described in the Seaborough Register as A.M., though I cannot locate him at either

of the Universities. Born 1706; married 1737 Elizabeth, relict of Samuel Hallet of Misterton, Gent. Can anyone tell me the maiden name of this lady? Their son, John Adams, (bp. at Misterton 18th Sept., 1738) by his wife Hannah, d. of James Butcher of the Isle of Barbadoes, Esq., left an only son, Joseph Adams, b. 1771, Surgeon H.E.I.C.S., who possessed property in Misterton.

The Rev. J. Adams died 5th May, 1779, aet. 73. It is supposed that he was descended from the Rev. John Adams, Vicar of Broadwinsor 1670: can anyone substantiate this?

R. G. BARTLETT, Corfe Castle.

66. SAMUEL STENNETT, D.D., THE AUTHOR OF THE METRICAL GRACE.—(IV. xxix. 186, xxx. 224, 225, xxxi. 261, 262, xxxii. 303, 304, V. xxxiii. 20).—Looking through a rather uncommon book entitled, "*Bunhill Memorials,—being Reminiscences of three hundred Ministers, who are buried in Bunhill Fields, with the Inscriptions on their Tombs and Gravestones,*" by J. A. Jones, 1849, —I found a notice of the above, who was there interred, which I think gives a clue to the reason why the Grace is so well known and used in the western counties.

Samuel Stennett came of a race of ministers. His father was Joseph Stennett, D.D., for many years the minister of the Baptist congregation at Exeter, and there his son Samuel Stennett, author of the grace and many hymns, was born about the year 1727. His father subsequently removed to London, accepting the ministry of the congregation in Little Wild Street, with whom his son Samuel was associated, and whom he subsequently succeeded, and held the charge forty-seven years. In 1753, the University of Aberdeen conferred on him the degree of Doctor of Divinity. He is described as being a man of considerable intellectual power and of kindness and devoutness of heart. He departed "in a tranquil, easy manner" 24th August, 1795, in the 68th year of his age, and his remains were interred in the family vault in Bunhill Fields.

There is perhaps a further circumstance which has tended to perpetuate the Grace among west country folk.

At Tiverton was born 29th April, 1751, another well-known Baptist minister, John Rippon, D.D., the son also of a Baptist minister of the congregation assembling in that town, named John Rippon, who subsequently removed to Upottery where he died.

Dr. Rippon, although a generation later than Dr. Stennett, was nevertheless associated with him and took part in the service when Stennett was ordained in 1773. Rippon held several important charges in London, and dying 17th October, 1836, aged 85, was buried in Bunhill Fields.

Rippon is, or was, well-known through his compilation of

a hymnal called *Rippon's Selection*, which was extensively circulated and in use among Nonconformist congregations both in England and America. Several of Stennett's hymns are in it, and probably the metrical Grace, and I think from the facts of author and compiler being so intimately connected with the west country, that these are the reasons why the Grace is so well known and used in these parts—although it may have been, and perhaps now is, equally popular elsewhere. R.

67. MATHEW BEETHELL OF WIMBORNE. (IV. xxxii. 309, V. xxxiii. 32).—"Mathew Bethell of Pamphill in Wimborne Minster, gent.," was living 17 August, 1669, for on that date he was appointed an overseer of the will of Mathew Symonds of Bickham in Wimborne, (Will registered P.C.C. 127, Coke.)

George Mullens of Bradford Brian in Wimborne, gent., in his will (P.C.C. 154 Foot), dated 1686, mentions his grandchildren George and Mary Mullens, Mary Drake, Mary Bennett (daughter of John Bennett, gent.,), and Mary Beethell widow (mother of George, Alis, and Mary Beethell.) F. W.

68. JUDGE HUGH WYNDHAM. (V. xxxiii. 33).—Judge Hugh Wyndham is buried in Silton Church, Dorset, where his monument still remained when I was a boy. There was also an oak-tree not far from the Church which went by the name of the Wyndham Oak. I do not know how this tree was associated with the Judge. Your correspondent will find a full account of the Judge in Foss' *Judges of England*. He was son of Sir J. Wyndham of Orchard Wyndham, Somerset, and Felbrigge, Norfolk. Born 1603. Was a Judge (with reluctance) under Cromwell. Again after the Restoration a Baron of the Exchequer in 1670 and shifted to the Common Pleas in 1673. Died in 1684. Thrice married and left nine by his first wife. His brother Wadham Wyndham was also a Judge, and his (W.W.'s) descendants are extant in sundry counties. The name Wyndham is well known in Wilts, Somerset and Dorset.

L. B. CLARENCE, Coaxden, Axminster.

69. Mr. Penruddocke will find all about Judge Wyndham and his oak in Hutchins' *History of Dorset*, 3rd Edn., under 'Silton' in Vol. iv, pp. 102-107. The oak was a most picturesque one when I sketched it 50 years ago. I hope that it is so still.

H. J. MOULE, Dorchester.

70. JOHN DIBBIN, Vicar of Iwerne Minster, Dorset.—The third Edition of Hutchins' *Dorset*, vol. III., p. 555, states that John Dibbin, pbr., was instituted to this Vicarage 23 Dec., 1525, and resigned April, 1541, the next incumbent mentioned being John Frie, instituted 1569. It is added in a foot-note that he printed a Visitation Sermon in 1711, a remarkable feat, if true, but unfortunately the writer of the sermon was a Thomas Dibbin,

DOLE-TABLE, STOURTON CAUNDLE CHURCH, DORSET.

72. DOLE-TABLE, STOURTON CAUNDLE CHURCH, DORSET. —This interesting object occupies a position on the outer side of the south wall of South Chapel in the Church of Stourton Caundle. As shewn in the illustration, it is placed partly but not wholly beneath the Perpendicular window which lights the Chapel, extending slightly to the west of it. It consists of a slab of stone, supported by a base projecting 8 inches from the wall, and at the foot 12 ins. The slab measures 5 feet by 1 ft. 4 ins., and is placed 3 ft. 4 ins. above the ground.

No mention of this object is made in Hutchins' *Dorset* (Vol. III. pp. 667-70) nor is any information given in regard to the founder of the chapel. As the Dole-Table is in a state of decay, it has been thought well to preserve a view of its present appearance in *S. & D. N. & Q.*, taken from a photograph by the Rev. H. J. Poole.

EDITOR FOR DORSET.

73. RECTORS OF BATH.—The following are the Rectors of Bath from the last given in Weaver's *Somerset Incumbents* to the present time with their date of Institution :—

1752. May 13. Duel Taylor, M.A.
1767. June 27. John Taylor, M.A.
1768. Oct. 6. John Chapman, B.D.
1786. Nov. 20. James Phillott, D.D.
1815. Oct. 4. Charles Crook, M.A.
1838. May 22. Henry Law, M.A.
1839. Oct. 21. William John Brodrick, M.A.
1854. July 19. Thomas Carr, D.D.
1859. Nov. 10. Charles Kemble, M.A.
1875. Feb. 11. Richard England Brooke, M.A.
1895. Nov. 30. John Nathaniel Quirk, M.A.

This living was in the gift of the Mayor and Corporation from the reign of Elizabeth until 1836 when it was sold to the Simeon Trustees for £6,330.

G. S. HENNING, M.A., Curate, 1875-85.

74. WILL OF MR. ABEL MOYSEY, of St. Andrew, Undershaft, London.—The following is a copy of this will in extenso, with its cancellations and additions, a short abstract of which appears in the 2nd series of the *Somersetshire Wills*, by the late Rev. F. Brown, printed by Mr. Crisp. It appears to have been found by the testator's widow and relict written in a book of memoranda.

(A) In the name of God Amen ffebr the 1, 1733/4 the last will of Abel Moysey I leave to my wife to receive all and full and whole Executor to pay all I give to my wife all the Cash in the

house and in Trade And all my Stock in the Shop and all the tools and all the household Goods and Plate

And to her and her daughter Easter I give two hundred pound Bank Stock and one hundred pound Bank Stock and one hundred pound South Sea Annuitys .. .. 300 li

To my son Abel I give One hundred *and* 20 *li* .. 120
being Mr. Palmers mortgage at Milton in Northamptonshire

And 50 li South Sea Annuityes 50

To my daughter Molley two hundred pound South South Sea Annuityes 200
and one hundred pound stock in the South Sea .. 100

By me Abel Moysey

To my Wife I leave ffifty pound South Sea *Bond* .. 50 li

No Costly ffuneral prepare nor make it too late but let every thing be done decent and in Order—Mr Linsel Mr Bright Mr Sier Lucas the Broker Mr fford Mr Giffing Mr Burgis these six to be Pall bearers or how you shall think fit to Choose Gloves and Hatbands and the Dr. and Lecturer and Curate Ditt: one Mr Eastwick and Baxter ditto and send to the Grave Digger 2/6 to make a good grave 5 or 6 foot deep as they make them in the country. *To my Brother John Moysey I leave ten shillings* for a ring And to my sister Eliz: Atterbury Ditto and my sister Suanner Ditto and to Sister Anna Ditto To my Brother Nathaniel all my Wearing Cloaths both Linnen and Woollen and a ring and two guineas To Bat Bever a ring To all the rest of my Relations if you think fitt Gloves If you think fitt a ring to my Sister Biddel and to *Sister Reed* And to all that are my Servants and have been my Prentices Gloves *and Hatbands* As time may alter things more or less pray divide them accordingly as you and your children shall think well of And pray take care that you do not fall out by the way—ffebr. 21 1734/5 Abel Moysey Senior.

Then follows an affidavit dated the 19th day of January, 1736, by Mary Moysey of Saint Andrew Undershaft London the widow and relict, Samuel Linsell of the same parish "Joyner" and John Bright of the parish of St Margaret Newfish Street, London, "Citizen and Girdler." The widow deposed to the fact that her husband departed this life on Monday the tenth day of January instant and that upon unlocking a desk where the deceased kept his papers she found a Book of Memorandums annexed in which was written the Will and Testament in her husband's handwriting. The other deponents deposed to the fact that they had known the testator personally and they likewise made oath identifying his handwriting &c. T. Walker Surrogate—Present Gandy Spurway Notary Publick—Proved at London 19th January, 1736 (9 Wake, P.C.C., Somerset House).

The testator's son Abel, an eminent physician at Bath, was buried in the parish church of Newton St. Loe, near Bath. "Against the north wall of the chancel is a monument inscribed 'Near this spot lie the remains of Abel Moysey, late of Bath, Doctor of Physick, who closed a life distinguished by uncommon talents modesty and success in the practice of his profession, on the eleventh of August, 1780, in the sixty-fifth year of his age. He was taken off after a short illness in the fullness of prosperity and in the vigour of his faculties,—but not unprepared. He had set religion ever before his eyes, and died the death of the righteous. Sublatum ex oculis quærimus.' Arms.—Or on a fesse sable between three cinquefoils vert a cross flory of the field, *Moysey*; impaling, Argent three griffins' heads erased sable langued gules." Collinson's *History of Somersetshire*, Vol. III., pages 344—345. A son of Doctor Moysey, likewise named Abel, represented the city of Bath in Parliament for many years. It is somewhat singular that Mr. Moysey should have wound up his will by giving his wife the same caution which Joseph administered to his brethren previously to setting out to bring their father into Egypt—"Take care that ye fall not out by the way."

ALFRED JAS. MONDAY.

[The portions in italics are cancelled in the Will by being crossed out.]

75. DEER PARKS IN DORSET AND SOMERSET.—The authority for the following lists is to be found in *A descriptive list of deer parks and paddocks of England*, by Mr. Joseph Whitaker, F.Z.S., of Rainworth Park, Notts, issued by "The Ballantyne Press," Tavistock Street, Covent Garden.

"In Dorsetshire there are deer parks at Charborough, "Melbury, Sherborne, Stock Gaylard, and Bryanston. These have "an acreage respectively of 800, 500, 330, 78, and 50; and the "herds comprise about 1,700 head of fallow deer, which is nearly "a head to each acre of park. The largest herd—that of about "800 head—is at Charborough. The next in extent is one of "about 500 head at Sherborne. Melbury Park contains over 200 "fallow deer; Bryanston about 200, and Stock Gaylard about 70.

"Somersetshire has deer parks at Ashton, Dunster, St. "Audries, Ammerdown, Halswell, Pixton, Nettlecombe, Alfoxton, "Brockley, Combe Sydenham, and Hatch Court. These have an "acreage of about 2,570 acres, and comprise about 2,200 fallow "deer, and 225 red deer. The largest park is that of Ashton, "comprising about 1,000 acres; Dunster follows with 416, St. "Audries with 300, Ammerdown with about 250, Halswell with "194, Pixton with 108, Nettlecombe with 97, Alfoxton with 80, "Brockley with 45, Combe Sydenham with about 13, and Hatch

"Court with 8½ acres. The largest herd is at Ashton with 400 "fallow and 200 red deer. Halswell has 450 fallow deer; Dunster "300; St. Audries 250 fallow and 25 red deer; Ammerdown "about 250; Pixton 200; Nettlecombe, 180; and Alfoxton, "Brockley, Hatch, and Combe Sydenham with 80, 44, 40, and 17, "respectively."

Connected with the subject of parks, is a peculiar feature, called a Deer's 'leap'—in Latin, *Saltatorium*—the origin and nature of which it will be interesting to examine.

In mediæval times, when England was over-run with the King's forests, and the law for protection of the "beasts of the chase" was in full vigour, no one could convert even his own land into a park (if the forest right extended over it, and perhaps if it did not), without the King's special licence, and then, only upon condition, that it should be strictly inclosed with a stout fence of sufficient height to prevent the King's deer from straying into it; a wilful breach of which condition was a forfeiture of the park. Thus, in the reign of Edward I, the Earl of Warwick, owner of the chase of Sutton, as grantee of the Crown, and therefore invested with its rights, granted licence to Hugh de Gorges to inclose as a park, part of his manor of Dunton, and it was stipulated that he should make such a fence about it that "neither Hart, Hinde, Buck, nor Doe, no, nor Goat, might enter there," and that if it should not be sufficiently inclosed to keep out the Earl's deer and not made good within 20 days after warning given by the Earl's bailiff's the Earl might lay it open into the chase again (Dugdale's *Warwickshire*, p. 658). The park owner, however, was apt slyly and without permission to entice the deer into his park, and for that purpose left a low place in the fence called a deer's leap, by which the deer could leap in and out. But he did so at his peril, and in a case which occurred in 1290 (18 Edward I.) the Earl of Gloucester obtained an order in the King's Court against William Power enjoining him at his own cost to lay open and disenclose his park at Farley and destroy two deer leaps he had made in it (prostirnare duos saltatoria) because they were an injury to the Earl's free chase of Malvern (Placitorum Abbrevatio p. 222).

Even if the park owner obtained permission it was guarded by special conditions. A very early instance of this occurred in 1246 (31 Hen. III.), when Roger De Somery confirmed to the Earl of Winchester the right to his park at Bradgate in Leicestershire as then inclosed with the deer leaps in it. In return the Earl granted to De Somery leave to hunt in his forest with nine bows and six hounds and if any wounded wild beast should enter the park by any deer's leap or elsewhere to follow it with one or two of his men with dogs, but no bow and arrow, and take the same

on that day, so that, if footmen they entered by any leap or hay (haia, whence ha-ha) and if horsemen by the gate if open, but, if shut, not until they had sounded a horn for the park keeper (Esch. 23 Ed. III., No. 39).

Probably a park with deer leaps was styled in law a *free* park, the right having been gained by prescription, and I think this was the meaning in a case in 1358, (31 Edward III.), where an owner claimed by plea to have a free park at Halton with two deer leaps into it (Blount's *Law Dictionary*, Title Saltatorium).

But the privilege of deer leaps was liable to abuse, for sometimes the park owner made the park ditch so deep on the park side, that although the king's deer could leap down into it, when once in, they could not get out again, and so the park became in the nature of a *trap* to catch them. The forest officers had therefore a sharp eye to the park fences and in the Court held by the Chief Justice in Eyre for the King's Forests the jury were strictly charged to enquire whether there were any parks within the limits of the forest or near it and how they were enclosed and what "Saltaries" or leaps they had which were prejudicial to the king's rights.

But although a Park was required to be inclosed with a fence sufficiently high to keep out the deer of the forest, the case was different if a man was permitted to inclose his land for the purpose of cultivation; in that case, unless the king's grant contained express words to the contrary, the full right for the deer to range in it was retained and indeed encouraged, for the fence was to be kept sufficiently low not only for full grown deer but for their fawns also to pass over (Manwood's *Forset Law* by Nelson, p. 200); and so we find that when the Earl of Warwick, already mentioned as Lord of Sutton Chase, granted to Thomas de Arden liberty to inclose and improve twenty acres of land of his manor of Pedimore within the compass of the chase, it was provided that he should enclose them according to the custom so that deer with their fawns might leap over the hedges (Dugd. *Warwickshire*, p. 649).

So far the term "deer's leap" is intelligible and there is no difficulty in understanding its original intention.

But it was also used in another sense. In many ancient parks throughout England the boundary, if it adjoined the lands of other owners, was not the actual hedge and external ditch of the park, but an imaginary line several feet—generally about fifteen—from the *shear*, that is the outer edge of the park ditch, which entitled the park owner to all timber standing inside the line. This extended boundary was sometimes claimed for the whole circuit of the park, forming a continuous belt round it, and sometimes, only for certain parts of it, but whether the

right was confined to enclosures originally taken out of a Royal Forest by grant, either as parks or manors, is by no means clear.

Such an invasion of a landowner's apparent rights according to ordinary interpetation, could not fail in modern times to be a source of litigation.

In Cheshire, early in this century Sir Thomas Stanley established a right to a belt of land extending 15 feet beyond a circular hedge which surrounded his manor of Eastham, which belt ran through fields of different owners, and in evidence of the right it was proved that such owners never cut the trees growing within the belt but the Stanley family did. (Stanley *v.* White, 14 East's Reports 322.)

In a recent case in Devonshire a claim to the timber growing within 18 feet outside the boundary hedge of a manor was defeated at the trial, but a new trial was granted on the ground of misdirection, the result of which is not known. (Woolcombe *v.* Sleeman, Devon Assizes, 1844.)

In Dorsetshire the question arose with regard to the manor of Marshwood Park where a claim not to the timber only but to the soil of a strip 15 feet and a half in certain parts only outside the boundary hedge was also defeated (Bartlett *v.* Bullen, Dorset Assizes, 1849), and in this instance the ditch of the boundary hedge was on the park side. In Somersetshire this right existed in certain lands at Dunster called the Old Park, and in the Manor of West Hatch where the strips are marked and numbered on the Tithe map.

At Yarlington also Chancellor Rogers, in his history of that parish gives a clear instance of the right, and there the ideal boundary of the manor varied from 6 feet to 15 feet and a half outside the hedge of the ancient park, but the right to the timber was limited to the six feet bounds and according to the Court Rolls this claim was recognised down to a recent date.

In all these cases the right is said to be a *deer's leap*, but what its origin or intention was is not laid down in Manwood's Treatise or any other text book of Forest law that I have examined, and as the Chancellor, whose legal acumen and research are proverbial, offers no explanation, I cannot hope to be more successful.

A friend has suggested that the term "deer's leap" is used here only to indicate the distance a deer can leap, in the same manner as we speak of a "gun shot," or a "stone's throw." This appears a very probable solution, but it does not touch the main point, and it has occurred to me that possibly the space was left either to enable the park owner to repair and (if need be) widen his hedge and ditch, without trespassing on forest ground, or, on the other hand, to give the forest officers free access round the park in order to satisfy themselves that it was effectually inclosed. But these are only guesses, without any facts to back them up, and my last resource is to invoke the aid of

some learned expert to throw a sensible light upon this mediæval practice.

JOHN BATTEN.

P.S. Since the foregoing was in type I have learnt some additional facts, which deserve consideration. In several places in the eastern part of Somerset, there exists a right to 15 feet beyond the boundary hedge. This is called a *Lugfall*, *lug* being a local name for a pole, or perch—measuring legally 16½ feet, but sometimes reckoned at 15 feet, and, in Wiltshire at 18 feet, the ancient forest measure still used for measuring wood-land. A Lugfall gives no right to the pasturage but only to the timber, and, in one case brought to my notice, the owner after much discussion was allowed by his neighbour to cut down several old oaks standing within his lugfall, and to plant young ones in their place, though I doubt if he had any right to plant. These Lugfalls appear to be the same as the Deer leap at Yarlington, and as they all occur on the confines of the great forest of Selwood they may be regarded as relics of old forest law.

In some districts the strip outside the fence was called a *Freebord* if narrow, and *Forland* if a wide one; but I have only met with two examples. They are quoted by Cowell in his "Interpreter." one in the reign of Richard II. where a wood was granted to a Priory with a *freebord* (cum frankborda) of two feet and a half for the whole circuit, and another in a charter 19, Edw. II., where a tract of marshland was granted, together with 24 feet of *Forland* outside the sea-wall. In West Somerset, in and about Wellington, a kind of Freebord prevails, consisting of a right to 3 feet measured from the combe of the hedge. This, I take it, only means that when the original inclosure was made, the space was left to enable the owner to dig a ditch if he wished; or he may enclose it with a wall.

76. BRIEF FOR FIRE AT WEYMOUTH.—The Letters patents, which are given below, are preceded by an ornamental head-piece, with the Royal Arms, and are printed in duplicate on the two leaves of a folded sheet of paper measuring 13¾ ins. by 18 ins.

They are noticeable

1. As giving the date and other particulars of the fire which occurred on 18 Sept. previous to 3 July, 18 Chas. II., *i.e.*, in the year 1665.
2. As noting that the King was present at the time.
3. As showing the method of collection by Brief, and the care taken that the moneys raised should not be peculated.
4. They also show us that the degenerate custom of standing at the Church door in making a collection had not,

at that time, superseded the plan of collecting from seat to seat.

The copy from which the following is printed is in the possession of Mr. G. Troyte-Chafyn-Grove.

EDITOR FOR DORSET.

CHARLES The Second by the Grace of God King of *England*, *Scotland*, *France* and *Ireland*, Defender of the Faith, &c. To all and singular, Arch-Bishops, Bishops, Arch-Deacons, Deans, and their Officials, Parsons, Vicars, Curates and all other Spiritual Persons; And also to all Justices of Peace, Mayors, and Sheriffs, Bayliffs, Constables, Church-wardens, Chappel-wardens, Head-boroughs, Collectors for the Poor and their Overseers: And to all Officers of Cities, Boroughs, and Towns-corporate; And to all other Our Officers, Ministers, and Subjects, whatsoever they be, (as well within Liberties, as without) to whom these presents shall come, Greeting.

Whereas, The Mayor, Bayliffs, Aldermen, and Common-Council of Our Boroughs of *Waymouth*, and *Melcombe Regis*, in Our County of *Dorset*, have exhibited to us their humble Petition, on the behalf of *Giles Hounsel*, *James Grout*, *John Chids*, *Simon Godfry*, *Robert Hardy*, *Sarah Rowsel* Widdow, and divers others, the Poor distressed Inhabitants of Our said Borough of *Melcombe Regis*; thereby setting forth, That on the Eighteenth day of *September* last past, there hapned in our said Borough of *Melcombe Regis*, a sad and lamentable Fire, wherein seven and thirty Houses were utterly consumed, with most of the Goods and Household stuff thereunto belonging, and thereby seven and thirty Families brought to ruine, most of them then there, being Women and Children, the Husbands and Fathers Seamen, and then in Our Service at Sea. And that they the said Mayor, Bayliffs, Aldermen, and Common-Council, had caused divers able Workmen, aswell Carpenters as Masons, exactly to Survey the said ruines, and to Calculate the Loss; who upon great Judgment, have estimated the same to be upwards of three thousand fifty and five pounds: By reason of which misfortune the said Poor People so ruined, are exposed to all hardships and miseries. And therefore, they the said Mayor, Bayliffs, Aldermen, and Common-Council, have humbly besought Us, That We would be graciously pleased, to grant unto them Our Letters-Patents, to ask and receive the Charitable Benevolence of all well-disposed Persons: Whereunto We most willingly have condescended, not only upon the humble request and testimony of the said Mayor, Bayliffs, Aldermen, and Common-Council; but also in regard that We Our Self was then present, and Eye-witness of the said sad spectacle, and are thereby the more sensible of the said Loss, and the sad condition of the said poor People: and therefore do hereby recommend them, with more then ordinary Affection, unto the Charitable consideration of Our

loving Subjects; Who rightly considering the Premises, and the miserable Estate and Condition, which the said poor People are now in: And no man knowing how soon he may fall into the like misfortune; Will, no doubt, be ready and willing to extend their liberal Contributions towards the relief, help, and comfort of the said poor People, in such their so great and pressing necessity; especially as when Our said loving Subjects, by their so doing, may preserve the said poor People from perishing. **Know** ye therefore, that of Our especial Grace and Princely compassion, We have given and granted, and by these Our Letters-Patents under Our great Seal of *England*, do give and grant unto Our loving Subjects, the said Mayor, Bayliffs, Aldermen and Common-Council, and to the Deputy and Deputies, the Bearer and Bearers hereof (authorized and deputed in this behalf, as afterwards in these presents is appointed) full Power, License, and Authority, to ask, gather, receive, and take the Alms and Charitable Benevolence of all Our loving Subjects (not onely Housholders, but also Servants, Strangers, and others) within all and every the Counties, Cities, Boroughs, Towns-corporate, Cinque-ports, priviledged Places, Parishes, Chappelries, Towns, Villages, Hamlets, and all other Places whatsoever, in Our Kingdom of *England*, and Dominion of *Wales*, for the said pious and charitable use. **Wherefore**, We require, will, and command you, and every of you, that at such time and times, as the said Deputy and Deputies, the Bearer and Bearers hereof, shall come and repair to any your Churches, Chappels, or other places, to ask and receive the gratuities and charitable Benevolence of Our said loving Subjects, quietly to permit and suffer them so to do, without any manner your Lets or Contradictions. And you the said Parsons, Vicars, and Curates, are deliberately and affectionately upon some Lords Day, soon after that these Our Letters-Patents shall be produced (otherwise not) and the true Copies hereof tendered unto you, or the said Church-wardens or Chappel-wardens, and before the expiration of these Presents, to publish and declare unto Our said loving Subjects, the Tenor of these Our Letters-Patents (but of none else on the same day) and earnestly to exhort, perswade, and stir of them up, to extend their liberal contributions to the relief of the urgent necessities of the said Poor People. And you the said Church-wardens, Chappel-wardens, Collectors for the Poor, and their Overseers, together with such other active men, as you shall think fit to take to your assistance, are hereby required thereupon to go from Seat to Seat, and diligently, and carefully to collect the charitable Benevolence of Our said loving Subjects: And the sums of Money collected by vertue hereof, you are to endorse upon these Our Letters-Patents, or the said Copies, in words at length, and not in figures; together also with the names of the Counties, Cities, Towns, Parishes, Chappelries respectively, wherein, and the time when such Sums are gathered; which

Endorsements are to be subscribed by the Ministers and your selves, and also to be entred in your Books of Accounts for the said Parishes, and Chappelries : And you are also to deliver the said Monies, with all the said Copies, unto the said Bearer and Bearers hereof (authorized as hereby is appointed) whensoever you shall be by them or any of them, thereunto required, but to no other person or persons whatsoever. Whose receiving thereof, with their, or any of their Acquittance, or Acquittances, shall be your sufficient discharge for so doing; which said Bearer and Bearers hereof, are hereby willed and required, upon receipt of the said Monies, forthwith to pay the same, and to deliver these Presents, together with all the said Copies, unto Our trusty and well-beloved Sir *William Penn* of *London* Knight, *Bullen Reymes* of *Westminster* Esquire, (two Members in Parliament for the said Boroughs) and *John Waddor* of *Dukes-place London* Merchant, or to any two of them, to be by them paid over unto the Mayor and and Bayliffs of Our said Boroughs, for the time being, Sir *Roger Cuttance* Knight, *Richard Yardly*, *George Pley*, *Robert Wall*, *John Swetnam*, *Alexander Clatworthy*, *Thomas Hide*, *Theophilus Byett*, *Benjamin Gach*, *George Pinson*, *Christopher Collier* and *Simon Orchard*, Inhabitants within Our said Boroughs, or to any five or, more of them (whereof the said Mayor and Bayliffs, for the time being, to be three) whom We do by these Presents, name, constitute, and appoint the Treasurers of all such Monies as shall be collected by vertue hereof : And the Acquittance, and Acquittances of them, or any five of them (as aforesaid) shall be unto the said Sir *William Penn*, *Bullen Reymes*, and *John Waddor* a sufficient Warrant, and discharge for so doing. And lastly, Our Will and Pleasure is, That no person or persons whatsoever, shall collect, or receive the said Monies, of or from the said Church-wardens, Chappel-wardens, Collectors for the poor, and their Overseers, or any of them, but such onely as shall be appointed and authorized so to do, by Deputation in Writing, under the Hands and Seal of the said Sir *William Penn*, *Bullen Reymes*, and *John Waddor*, or any two of them : And that they the said Treasurers, or any five of them as aforesaid, do contract for the Re-building of the said Houses, and take care that none of them for the future be covered with Thatch, or other combustible matter, that may indanger the like accident; and also distribute the Monies collected as foresaid. Any Law, Statute, Act, Ordinance, or Provision heretofore made to the contrary hereof, in any wise notwithstanding. In witness whereof, We have caused these Our Letters, to be made Patents, for the space of one whole Year next after the Date hereof, to endure and no longer. Witness Our Self at *Westminster*, the third day of *July*, in the Eighteenth Year of Our Reign. *DAWE.*

God Save the KING.

LONDON, Printed by *Thomas Milbourn*.

With PRIVILEGE.

77. TEMPLECOMBE REGISTER.—The following are Extracts from the Burial Register of Templecombe—properly Abbas Combe—in the county of Somerset. The Register commences in 1563 when Richard 'Yongue' [Young] was Rector. He was succeeded by George Roche, son of Martin Roche by Mary daughter of Sir William Carent of Toomer in the adjoining parish of Henstridge. She died at Wilkenthroop in Horsington parish and was buried at Templecombe, and her son records the event in the Register as follows:—"1597 Maria Roche vidua (filia Gulielmi Carent Militis natu maxima et mihi mater charissima) anno ætatis suæ octogesimo quarto ex edibus suis (Wilkenthorpa) huc collata lachrymabil' funere in boreali pariete Cancelli arcuato opere conditur George Roche Rector." Mr. Roche also records the burial of his wife thus:—"1611 (?) Dorothea uxor chariss' Georgii Roche (Hydropisis curandi causa) Bathonia proficiscens moritur Brutonie revehitur et sepelitur in australi parte cancelli hujus (Combensis) ecclesiæ vixit annos 58 vixit uxor 56½ (?) posuit maritus."

"1606. Duke Brook Esq. Lord of this Mannor departed owt of this lief at London the 27 day of Maye and was buried at Cobham in Kent on tuesday the xth of June 1606."

"1608. Xtian Sprinte ladie of this Mannor departed this lief vii October."

Christian Sprinte wife of George Sprinte was the daughter and heiress of Richard Duke who had purchased the manor of Abbas Combe probably from a grantee of the Crown on the dissolution of the Abbey of Shaftesbury to which it belonged. He is also said to have purchased the manor of Temple Combe which was originally a preceptory of the order of Knights Templars suppressed in the time of Edward II. and their possessions given to the Knights Hospitallers of St. John of Jerusalem who in their turn were suppressed by Hen. VIII.

"1610. Charles Broke Esquire Lo. of this manor dyed the 5th of Aprill."

"1611. Agnes Reyre wydowe was buried the ix. Julie. After this womans death the plague began and contynued hoatlie (hotly) in Combe Abbas side onlie viz [here follow the names of 18 victims of the scourge] "so that besides a youge—unnamed infaunt of Robt. Francis and Margarett his wives theere dyed from xix Julie to xix August the nombre of xviii persons beesydes welneere as manie sicke that escaped and all * * * 112 that stayd and fled not from the infection."

"1617. Sr John Dackombe Lord of this Mannor and Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster was buryed the 3d Feby."

"1618. Mrs. Dorothy Dackombe daughter to late deceased Sr John Dackombe."

The family of Dackombe or Dackham were originally seated at Dackombe in Devonshire, afterwards they removed to Stepleton,

Dorset, and a branch settled at Corfe Castle. This John Dackombe married Ann daughter of William Hartgill of Kilmington who was so cruelly persecuted and murdered by Charles Lord Stourton in 1556.

"1621. George Snooke dying at Wells and being brought hither to Combe was buryed in the Chapell of Temple Combe House the 24th of August."

"1642. Wm. Derby the sonne of John Derby Rector and Joane his wife bur. 24 Feb."

"Joanna Derby wife of John Derby Rector bur. 17 Sep. æt. 46." J. B.

78. Brent and Sandy Families.—Giles Brent of Honeybrook in Wimborne Minster, (probably husband of "Mris Anne Brent widow," buried at Wimborne in 1638), had issue,

John Brent of Honeybrook, gent., died 1651; married at Wool in 1630 Katherin Mussell; and had issue Thomas Brent, Mary (who married about 1652 John Yerbury of Orchardly, Somerset, and was living 1664), Katherin (living 1664), Bridgett (living 1664), and Grace (baptised at Wimborne in 1646).

Thomas Brent of New Sarum, gent., died 1664, apparently without issue.

Grace married Christopher Hardy of Evershot, Dorset, and had issue Katherin, Jane, Mary, Joan, Grace, and Ann, of whom all except the last appear in the Dorset Visitation of 1623.

A daughter married....Sandy, and had issue Thomas and Martha.

A daughter married....Shering and had issue Phillip, Dorothy, and Mary.

A daughter married....Lewen and had issue Henry Lewen of Wimborne, gent., (who was father of Penelope, William, Henry, and Mary Lewen).

Katherin, widow of the above John Brent of Honeybrook, in her will dated 1653, mentions her "cousin" (presumably a nephew) John Brent of Cossington, Somerset, and this seems to indicate that Giles Brent had another son who was father of John of Cossington, and also that the Brents of Wimborne were a branch of the Brents of Cossington, a family of whom Collinson gives some account.

Any additional information concerning the Brents of Wimborne would be acceptable to me, and I particularly wish to obtain some particulars of the Sandy who, as stated, married one of Giles Brent's daughters. I find mention of one Richard Sandy at Wimborne in 1680, but the name seems to have been very rare in the southern counties.

F. J. P.

NOTICES OF BOOKS.

79. THE ANTIPHONAL CHANT BOOK, a collection of Anglican Chants, single, double, and multiple, based on the half-verse parallelism of the Psalter, by Henry James Poole, M.A., Rector of Stowell (Diocese of Bath and Wells). Price 2s. 3d. London: Novello.

The Rev. H. J. Poole, Stowell Rectory, near Sherborne, has just issued the above-named Chant Book, which we gladly welcome as a valuable contribution to Church Psalmody. The principles of the work are that the parallelism which exists between the half-verses of the Psalms should be followed in antiphonal chanting (*i.e.*, alternate chanting by opposite sides of the Choir)—half-verses, and not whole verses, being taken by the Decani and Cantoris sides; and that the Chants themselves should be antiphonal in structure, *i.e.*, possess some melodic correspondence between their members. How these principles are worked out in detail and what treatment is applied to the *Gloria Patri*, may be gathered from reference to the work itself. This extends to some 47 large quarto pages, and contains some 267 chants. Several of these have been expressly written for the work by well-known composers, and others again are from the pen of the talented author of the book. As they are intended for Congregational use, the compass is restricted within reasonable limits. We wish Mr. Poole an extensive and remunerative sale.

80. GENEALOGICAL QUERIES and Memoranda. A Quarterly Magazine devoted to Genealogy, &c. London, 1896. 3s. 6d. per annum, post free. Demy 8vo.

In our last issue we called attention to this Magazine which was then on the eve of publication. The first number has now appeared. It consists of 8 pp., and follows the lines already indicated. Communications to be sent to G. F. Tudor Sherwood, 99 Angel Road, Brixton, London, S.W.

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81. CHURCHWARDENS' ACCOUNTS, ST. JOHN'S, GLASTONBURY (IV. xxvi. 73, xxvii. 121, xxviii. 160, xxix. 201, xxx. 245, xxxi. 283, xxxii. 317, V. xxxiii. 38.)—

Quarto Novembris 1587.

Receaved of Willm Mors and Ffabian Ramsbury wardens of Glaston the sume of nine shillings for a cheefe rent for lands in Glaston called St. John's due at Michas last } ix s

John Gool.

1588.

The accounte taken by Rawlings Robens and Richarde f Harris for the holl yeare of the churche and paryshe of goods of Saynte John baptis in Glaston from the feast of Saynte Michaell the tharchangel last past before the date here of in the xxxth yeare of the rayne of our suffrand lady Quene Elyzabethe et anno domini 1588.

Recyts. In primis We recevede of the Churche Stocke .. iiij s vj d.
Allso we recevede of the olde Wardings which they collected towardes a clocke .. .. xx s.
We did collecte and gather towardes the clocke .. xiiij s j d.

Also we collected certayne broken metell concerninge a payre (1) with the moneye that was geven of free will iiij s.
Summa totalis ij li ij s vij d.

Fines and Returns. A retarne frome Margerye Raynolds unto [George *erased*] Christian Baker and Annis his wyfe for terme of there twoo lyves payde to fyne .. xxxiij s iiij d.
Also William Pynnell bought his house to his wyfe Jone and to his sonne Roberte Pinnell for terme of there twoo lyves payde to fyne .. .. xiij s iiij d.
Summa totalis ij li vj s viij d.
The Rente of the parishe lande .. .. ix li xiij s x d.

Receyts. Mistris Marshall boughte a seate for her selfe xij d. Wm. Pinnell for his seat xij d. Also for his wyfe Jone viij d. George Partridge for a seate xij d. Christover Huchens for a seate xij d. Niddell boughte a seate for his wyfe xij d. Plushe boughte a seate for his wyfe xij d. Mr. Cornishe for his wyfes seat xij d. William at Woode for his wyfes seate xij d. Jinckinge Peerse for a seate xij d. Alles Overtune for a seate viij d. the Widdowe Hemmens for a seate xij d. Olde father Harberde for a seate xij d. William Bren for a seate xij d. Jew Kemer for a seate xij d. George Daye for a seate xij d. Thomas Stevens for a seate xij d. Henrye Baylie for a seate xij d. Laurence Wills gave the Wardings for ther goode will allso to remaine in the seate wher John Andrawe did sitt viij d. Thomas Wever for oure goode will To sitt in the seate of Robarte Wadde and ther to remaine iiij d. William Stibbs for sillinge of ale in the Churche house vj d. We r ceved towarde the mendinge of a seate v d. Mistris Wills payde for her seate xij d.
Summa totalis [xix s xd. *erased*] xx s iij d.

Dutyes Receved. Remayninge to the churche John Avallion iiij d. William Butten iiij d. Richarde Gregorye iiij d. John Marche iiij d. the Widdowe Golde iiij d. John Sticlone iiij d. Mistris Cornishe iiij d. the Widdowe Parker iiij d. Gryfe Hoylle iiij d. Sansume Chepmane iiij d. Old Mother Raynsburye iiij d. Of John Smythe for twoo howses viij d. William at Woode iiij d. Thomas Allen iiij d. John John Gregorye twoo howses viij d. John Gipsune iiij d. John Collens iiij d. John Collens iiij d. John Brinton iiij d. William Jentell iiij d. Laurence Kellawe iiij d. Andrawe Wilton iiij d. John Parker iiij d. the Widdow Peerse iiij d. Mr Edward Preston iiij d. Richarde Harris iiij d. Henrye Baylie iiij d. John Roceter iiij d. Tomas Roowe iiij d. Henrye Shipperde for twoo howses viij d. Marjerye Baylie iiij d. Jone Harris iiij d. Robarte Courtis iiij d. Annis Come iiij d.
Summa totalis xij s iiij d.

1610.

Decimo octavo die octobris Anno domini 1610
annoque Regni domini nostri nunc Regis jacobi octavo.

Receaved the Daye and yeare above writen of Edward Perker one of the churchwardens of the parishe of St. John's in Glastonbury in the county of Somersett for one whole yeares rent of dyvers concealed tenements belonginge to the said parish of St. Johns in Glaston aforesayd the somme of Twenty two shillings and Two pence of lawfull money of England due and payable at the feast of St. Michaell Tharchangell last past. I saye receaved xxij s. ij d. per me Ric. Willoughbye Ballivum terrarum concelatarum in comitatu Somerset. pd.

Of the Account of the year 1625-6 there remains only a part of the disbursements; the sums noted amount only to £16 16s. 1d., showing that a considerable portion has been lost at the beginning besides the receipts.

(1) Seemingly the clock weight. cf. Piers Pl. v. 243. To wey pens with a peys and pare the hevyest.

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William Boyer *
the towne of Gl . *
whoe were captiv *
hands of six justices and they *
paid for a rope for the Tennor .. .. .. iiij s. vj d.
Item paid for one quarte of sacke to give * .. .. xij d.
Item bestowed uppon the same Mr. Russell * preached
Two Sermons here .. .. iij s. iiij d.
Item paid to Henry Hatch his midsomer quarterage .. .. ij s. vj d.
Item given to one William Pringredart a poore Irishe gent that was passed from White Hall in London for Ireland .. .. x d.
Item paid to William Combe for mending the churchowse the beere howse and for tile lyme and crests to doe the same .. .. v s.
Item paid for two books thone for the minister thother for the clarke to be used every Wednesday.. .. .. .. ij s.
Item paid to William Ellis the 24th of June his quarterage for keeping the Clock and Chymes .. .. iij s.
Item paid for one sack of lyme to mende the church .. .. xij d.
Item paid for killinge of eighteene dozen of Sparrowes .. .. xviij d.
Item paid Mr Edward one of the constables the 28th of June for the hospitalls (1) .. .. x s.
1623. "Paid Thomas Whittocke Constable for maymed soldiers 17s. 4d."
This entry occurs regularly twice a year. Another hospital was at Ilchester.
Item paid to William Combe and his sonne for three dayes worke they did about the Church .. .. iij s. vj d.
Item paid for lasts and nayles to receve the leddes of the church .. iij d.
Item paid for one quarte of sack and for one quarte of clarrett wyne the xxjth of August to give Mr Deane of Wells .. .. xx d.
Item paid to John Tucker for mending the Clock Hammer .. xij d.
Item paid the Ringers the nyneteenth of September when my lord Buisshop came to the Visitacion .. .. .. iij s iiij d.
Item paid the xixth day of September for our dyett att the said Visitacion xj s x d.
Item paid John Tanner for making cleane of the church and for dressinge the same att the said Visitacion .. .. xviij d.
Item paid for washinge the surplices and church lynnen .. .. xij d.
Item paid for deliveringe our bill of presentments and for the booke of articles .. .. xxij d.
Item paid to Henry Hatch the xxixth of September .. .. ij s vj d.
Item paid to Mr Edward Constable the iiijth of October 1625 for and towards the Hospitalls to be paid at Michaelmas Sessions .. x s.
Item for one pinte of Clarrett wyne and sugar given to Mr Wood the second of October .. .. vj d.
Item gave to Mr. Russell for that he preached heere .. .. ij s.
Item paid the chiefe Rent for the church lands .. . ix s.
Item paid the Kings Bayliffe the Rent for the church lands .. xxj s ij d.
Item paid to the Kings Audite for our acquittance for the payment of chiefe Rent of the Church lands and to the door Keeper of the Audit viij d.
Item paid to William Ellis the xxiiijth of October his quarteridg for Keeping the Clock and Chymes .. .. .. iij s.
Item paid to William Fox for mending the treable bell wheele and to William Boyer for nayles and a plate .. .. .. xxj d.
Item for one quarte of wyne given to Mr Kinge and Mr Wood the iiijth of December .. .. x d.

(1) So in Frome Ch. wardens' Acc. 1618 "Paid the Constable when he went to Taunton sessions for Hospitall and maymed soldiers 17s. 4d. Paid the constable when he went to Wells sessions for the hospitall and maymed soldiers 17s. 4d."

Item for a Rope for the Treable bell .. .. .. iiij s ij d.
Item paid to John Tanner the xxviijth of November 1625 for his cote vj s viij d.
Item given to three poore Souldiers .. .. .. iij d.
Item paid to Henry Hatch the xxth of December for his quarteridge ij s.
Item paid to William Fox the xxviijth of December for mending the greate bell wheie and trussinge up the same bell in his Stock .. iiij d.
Item paid to William Bover for mending the clapper of the greate bell and for nailes and mending the bolts to trust up the same bell iiij s.
Item paid to William Bover for mending the Clapper of the greate bell againe .. .. iiij d.
Item paid for a newe rope for the iiijth bell .. .. .. iij s vj d.
Item paid to Mr Edward the Constable for the Hospitall to be paid at Tweif tide Sessions .. .. .. v s.
Item paid to the Ringers the second day of February being the Kings Coronacion day .. .. iij s iiij d.
• paid for a newe clapper for the greate bell allowing thoide clapper to it .. .. xxxiij s.
• pent att a Visitacion heide att Glaston for the presenting of parish Recusants • deliveringe in of our bill .. .. ij s vj d.
• Thomas Smyth for striking out of wordes in the north side of the church sett up by Thomas Jenkins (1) .. .. vj d.
Item paid to William Ellis the xxiiijth of March 1625 his quarteridg for keping the Clock and Chymes .. .. .. iij s.
Item paid to Walter Walter for sawing of syne hundred of bords wanting twentie foote .. .. xvij s viij d.
Item paid to Tanners sonne for carrying the same bords out of But close into the Church Howse .. .. .. viij d.
Item paid to George Dibbins for glasinge the church wyndowes .. xiij s vj d.
Item paid to Jacob Dawes for an Iron barr to stay the grasse in one of the Church wyndowes .. .. iiij d.
Item paid to Thomas Smyth for lyme morter .. .. iiij d.
Item paid for oyl and candles for the whole yeare .. .. xiiij d.
Item paid to John Bo dy for leather .. .. .. ij d.
Item paid to John Huletts wife for washinge the Church lynnen .. iij d.
Item paid for bread and wyne for the Comunicants for the whole yeare .. .. ij li xviij s viij d.
Item paid for engrossinge of this accompt .. .. .. iij s iiij d.
Item paid for parchment to engrose this accompt .. .. xij d.
Item wee desier to be allowed our fee as our predecessors have had.. vj s viij d.
Item paid to Henry Wrinckmore and Thomas Jenkins for soe much money due unto them on their accompt the sume of xxxij s viij d.
Item paid to William Fox soe much money left to pay to him the last yeare .. .. v s.
Item paid to John Raynsbury for playing on the organs (2) .. iij s iiij d.
Item paid unto John Tanner in parte of his wages .. .. iiij s. xd.
Item paid to Thomas Belman for his wages for ringinge Curfue .. x s.

Summa totalis disbursed xix li xvj s viij d.

Soe remayneth due to theis accomptants the some of iij li ij s.

Memorandum that there is ix s for Rent due to be paid to the church of a howse in the high streete late Robert Bennetts and xij d for a [illegible] little plott of ground late William Stones which theis accomptants doe not charge themselves withall because they cannot receave the same.

Churchwardens elected for the yeare to come John Roode att the pound and Thomas Greene.

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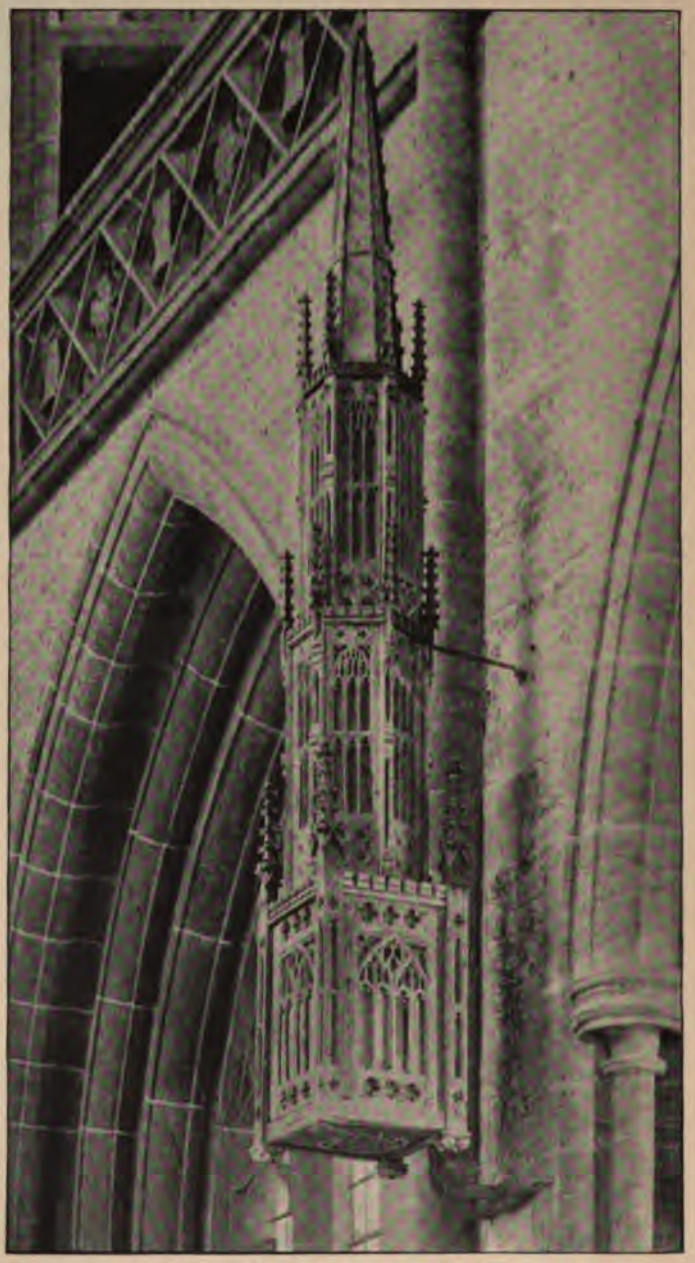
(1) T. J. had been warden the preceding year. See below.

(2) Compare at Frome, 1640, Aug. 27, "Agreed Mr. Beamont to have £6 for playing upon the organs." Henceforth £3 a year.



TABERNACLE, MILTON ABBEY.

82. THE TABERNACLE, MILTON ABBEY, DORSET.—The accompanying illustration presents our readers with an excellent view of this remarkable piece of 15th century wood-carving. nacle is an object of considerable dimensions, and is l to the West wall of the South Transept of the Abbey According to Hutchins' *Dorset*, 3rd Edit., vol. 4, p. 400, the position it occupied some 100 years ago, for it is "on the North wall [of the chancel] hung what was t the date of Hutchins' 1st Edition] supposed to be a nt model of a Spire, perhaps the ancient one of this ut which is really a beautiful and unique specimen of a or receptacle for the pix."

lustration is so clear that it is unnecessary to attempt lescription, and as the Tabernacle itself is fixed at ble height from the floor of the Church, it is impossible better sight of it than the illustration affords. The , from which the plate is made, was taken in the r by means of a scaffolding specially erected for the nd we are indebted to Mr. W. Ellis, ecclesiastical er, 26 Clapton Square, London, N.E., for his kind to reproduce his photograph in this Magazine.

EDITOR FOR DORSET.

VHO WROTE COKER'S SURVEY OF DORSETSHIRE?—in his preface to the first edition of his History of the Dorset, naturally refers to this work. "The largest account extant of the county," he says, "is the Survey tshire by the Reverend John Coker of Mapowder, point of time to all the rest, except Mr. Camden's, ot published till the year 1732 when it was printed in ondon by J. Wilcox," from a very incorrect MS. but, the Rev. George Harbin and others had other and more pies and Mr. Harbin was the first to notice the circum- ing the date of the MS."

n's own copy of the book which, after his death, was e of Buckingham's library at Stowe, is now in my and on the fly leaf is this note.

Survey was written whilest Dr. Fr. Goodwyn was Bishop ester, see pag 123 of ys Book. The written emenda- the margin were made from a MS. copy of this Book have had by me several years. G. H., A.D. 1732."

ins goes on to say: "Who the author was is only known own account. Page 98 he says, he was a member of e of the Cokers of Mapowder, and page 76 "John as his predecessor at Tincleton, but this does not fix any precision as in the pedigree of the Cokers ion is made of him. Gerard died in 1576. The John Coker occurs in the registers of both places, but

"not as an ecclesiastic in either. John third son of Thomas Coker "and Edith Turberville is most likely to be our author, especially "as Edith Coker was widow of John Gerard, rector of Tincleton, "though both appear to have died 1576. Three Cokers of the "name of John occur in the register of burials—1605, 1631, 1635, "one of the two last may have been our author." In a note to the pedigree of Coker of Mapowder (vol. III., 3rd Edit., p. 723) he is more positive, but speaks of John Coker as the brother and not the son of Thomas who married Edith Turberville. He observes "He was author of The Survey of the Countie of Dorset and "Incumbent of Tincleton from 1576 to 1579. In his account of "that parish, p. 76, he speaks of his 'predecessor John Gerard' "who died 1576. He wrote his Survey after 1622, as he speaks "therein of 'Digby Earl of Bristol' which creation took place in "that year, and probably died 1635 as in the register of this parish" (*i.e.* Mapowder). Hutchins is incorrect in his quotation respecting Tincleton, the author does not say or imply that John Gerard or himself was Incumbent of that parish. His words are "Walter "Wells of Tincledon (for soe was he written) left only one "daughter temp. Edward IV. married *unto my predecessor John "Gerard.*"

Tincleton was in the Diocese of Bristol, but the Bishop's registers were burnt, after Hutchins wrote, at a fire which occurred in the Registry at Blandford, and our knowledge of their contents is derived from Hutchins. After the Reformation Henry VIII. granted the Rectory as a lay fee to the Dean and Chapter of Christchurch, Oxford, who leased it out as an impropriation, and Hutchins (vol. II., 3rd Edit., p. 630) gives a list headed "Incumbents *or Lessees* from the [Bishop's] Register. Wm. "Lillington 1564. John Gerarde ob. 1576. Here is a vacancy till "1579, during which John Coker often occurs." This statement is very unintelligible but it is quite consistent with supposing that both Gerard and Coker were laymen and held the Rectory as Lessees. The Editors of the third edition of Hutchins do not throw any new light on the subject, and the Rev. John Coker has, down to this time, been accepted as the author.

Now let us turn to another kindred work. During a recent stay in London I was accidentally favoured by Mr. Maxwell Lyte with the inspection of a MS. description of the County of Somerset, temporarily in the possession of the Historical MSS. Commission. I then and there examined its interesting contents and was forcibly reminded of its resemblance to Coker's Survey with which I had long been familiar. The MS. consists of about 200 folio pages bound up with another MS., the title of which is: "A Chorographical Description of the several Shires and Islands of Middlesex, Essex, Surrey, Sussex, Hamshire, Weight, Guernsey and Jersey performed by the Traville and Viewe of John Norden 1595." Apparently it is only a transcript of the original MS.,

written in a clerk-like hand of the period, but although professing to embrace the whole county, it is incomplete, being confined to an area, corresponding nearly to the parliamentary divisions of West Somerset, South Somerset and part of East Somerset, but breaking off abruptly at Long Sutton. Still, as far as it goes, it is a very valuable addition to the History of the County, contributing many facts and details of the time in which it was written, and helping to clear up points hitherto unnoticed or misunderstood.

The author does not tell us his name directly, but it "comes out" in his description of the village of Trent. He calls it "the place *which now gives me habitation*," and states that it descended to him from Tristram Storke, one of whase daughters was married to "*my great grandfather William Gerard*." His surname therefore was Gerard, and we learn that his Christian name was *Thomas* from another part of the MS. where, speaking of some extraordinary tradition, he says "This I cannot believe because I am a Thomas and therefore hard of belief." So I christen the author—*Thomas Gerard of Trent Esquire.* The statement of his descent is verified by the fact that William Gerard of Trent, who died in 1567, married Mary, one of the daughters and coheirs of Tristram Storke of Trent, by whom he had a son and heir, Thomas Gerard of Waddon in the parish of Portesham, Dorset, an ancestral estate of the family. He was succeeded at his death by his son, another Wm. Gerard, who died in 1604 and left by Mary his wife Thomas Gerard, our author, his eldest son and heir, who, as such, inherited Trent. He was quite correct therefore in calling Wm. Gerard his great grandfather.

In 1610 our author married Anne, daughter of Robert Coker of Mapowder. She died in 1633* and he in 1634† leaving four daughters, his coheiresses, amongst whom his estates were divided. Anne, the second daughter, was married to Col. FrancisWyndham, and had for her share Trent, where they resided during the civil war, and it was in their house that Charles II. was concealed in his escape after the battle of Worcester. The date of the MS. can be fixed with tolerable accuracy. It could not have been written after 1634 as the author died in that year, nor parts of it at any rate before 1618, which is proved in this way. Speaking of the Manor House at East Coker, the author observes "Since the "Courtenays left, it hath suffered many changes and *is now the* "*dwelling of Mr. Helliar*, a Canon of the Cathedral Church, Exeter, "who hath not only well repaired the old buildings but also added "new unto them," and it is known from the Helyar muniments in Coker Court that the Canon purchased Coker in 1618.

Having thus shown that Thomas Gerard was the author of the Somerset Survey, I will endeavour to prove that he, and not

* Monument in Trent Church.
† Trent Burial Register.

John Coker, was the author of the Dorset Survey also; and this can hardly be doubted, if I shew that both Surveys are the work of the same hand.

In the onset I may remark that there is a strong resemblance between the two MSS. in their style and language, and that both (as has been shewn) having been written about the same time—between 1617 and 1634—the same person may very well have been the author of both. I was also struck by the plan adopted by both of appending to the description of every manor or place the arms of the chief landowner or family connected with it, which no one could do unless well versed in heraldry. This Coker was, as in his conclusion (p. 127) he says "Their [the gentry's] Coates "of Armys as many as I could anie waye finde out, *I have only* "*blazoned that my friends the heraulds whom I would not willyngly* "*injure*," &c., and Gerard, under Exton, says "I will conclude as I "mean to do most other places with the blazons of the Coate "armors of such families as are before mentioned or as manie of "them as by my seeking have come to my knowledge . . . for "the amending of divers grosse errours in Armoury by mistaking "and misplacing Coates of Armes." Observe also the titles. Coker heads his Survey "The generall Description of the Countie of Dorset," and begins "Before I enter into *the particular Description of this Countie of Dorset*." The Gerard MS. is entitled "*The particular Description of the Countie of Somerset*." The professed plan of both is the same; Coker, following Camden, says "I will beginne at the surest Bound, the Sea, "which, from the first Western Limitt I will follow Eastward, until "it forsaketh this Countie, and by the way, observe what Rivers "runne into it whose streams shall be my Guides, even from their "Springs and Fountains"; and then he proceeds to describe Lyme "the first place farthest West." Gerard also begins at the extreme West with the remark that "the farthest limitt of this "shire comprises a part of the forrest of Exmore which hence "extends itself into Devon, and takes name from the famous river "Ex which here arising ere it takes leave of this County gives its "name to Exford." Further on he proceeds "Ex now *taketh its* "*leave* of Somersett and *hastes through* Devon to visitt Exeter. Compare this with Coker, page 86, where it is remarked "Dorset-"shire abutteth on part of Hampshire, through which cutteth the "river Stower which *here leaving* Dorset behind him *hasteth* "*towards Christ church*." Again, Gerard observes "Having thus "lead you this *Angle of the County* and followed the river Ex till "it forsooke mee and entered Devon *lett me now entreate your* "*company backe* unto the North *Shoare* which boundes as well "the Kingdome as this County, for *that* I have taken to be *my* "*guide*." In the same fashion, Coker (pp. 15, 16) speaks of the "*Angle of the County*" and (p. 17) goes on "Having thus taken "a view of Mershwood Vale I must *entreat you back* to the sea "whose *shoare* shall be *my Guide*," &c.

Note also the identical and unusual epithets with regard to Streams, &c. Coker (p. 11) describes Charmouth as "an "obscure village seated on the mouth of the Char, a *Riverett*, "which, ending its short course there *leaveth its name unto the* "*place*." Gerard, speaking of Exmore, says "In this forrest and "in the utmost edge of this County, Ore a little *Riverett* gusheth "out" and "immediately passing into Devon *leaves its name to* "*Ore*."

Again Coker (p. 26) says "Not far from this, the *Rill entertaines* two streames," &c., and (p. 60) "At Catstoke the river Frome *entertaines* a little *Rill* which rising out of the hills," &c. Gerard says "Neare Exton the River Ex *intertaynes* a small *Rill which cometh* from among the Hills." The use of the unusual word *Beck* for Brook is also very noteworthy, but it would be likely to be known to Gerard as it is not uncommon in Lancashire with which he was connected. Coker (p. 86) "On the north side of this Baye falleth down a little *Beck* from Litchett" and p. 115 "Not far from it falleth into the Allen a *Beck* which cometh down," &c. So Gerard, speaking of Bratton, says "From hence the *Beck* comes to Timbercombe."

Take another form of expression. Coker (p. 24) observes "Lastly *I will not overpasse* that an ancient family" &c., and (p. 113) "*I will not overpasse* a strange accident" &c. Gerard, under Luxborough, "*I must not overpass* Hugh de Punchardon" &c., and under Crewkerne "*neither will I overpass* Mr. Chubb."

Once more, a favourite expression of Coker is "*in our grandfathers dayes*" (see pp. 82, 108, 116) and Gerard, under East Coker and elsewhere, refers to "*our grandfathers daies*." The word "*sithence*," too, for "*since*" is constantly used by both.

I have already mentioned that Gerard, speaking of Trent, uses the expression "*which now giveth me habitation*." Coker in the same way (p. 62) speaks of Toller "*which lately gave habitation to Robert Samways Esquire*." There is a circumstance, too, in favour of Gerard's authorship which should not be omitted. Coker, speaking of the Monastery at Abbotsbury, alludes (p. 31) "to the bones of the founder Ore inclosed in a dainty marble coffin *which I have often seene*," &c.; this remark was very applicable to Gerard who was the owner of Waddon in the next parish and, no doubt, often there, and at Abbotsbury also, but not to Coker who, as far as we know, had no connection with it.

Everyone will, I think, be convinced that no two authors could have adopted so exactly the same forms of expression—some of them quaint and unusual—and will allow that I was justified, on a comparison of the two Surveys, in ascribing both to the same person.

That was my conclusion on the first examination; but a second perusal of the Gerard MS. has placed the matter beyond doubt, for I found in his description of Stoke-gurcy this passage:

"Stoke soon after became the possession of Robert Fitzpaine, a noble Baron *of whom I have spoken elsewhere*" and in the margin is a note "*see at Aukland* [Aukforde] *in Dorsetshire.*" On turning to Coker (p. 102) I found a description of Aukford Fitzpaine as coming by marriage to Robert Fitzpaine! Hardly less convincing are two other observations: one in his remarks on Luxborough, where he notices that Everard "married (?) to *Frome Bellet in Dorset where if you please you may find more of them*"; and the other under Stogumber where, after transcribing a charter of one of the Mohuns, he adds "for that I never found it, but once before," with a marginal note "Corfe Castle in Dorset." It should be recollected also that the Survey of Dorset was then still in MS. and could not be referred to as if it were printed and published. I think it probable that Gerard intended, had he lived, to have transferred the History of both Counties to Norden's topographical series, and had completed Dorset but left Somersetshire unfinished.

Against this body of circumstantial evidence there are only the two loose expressions quoted by Hutchins in favour of John Coker's authorship. The first is the reference to John Gerard as his *predecessor* at Tincleton. As to this I submit that the word *predecessor* is satisfactorily explained on the assumption that the writer was a Gerard, and is equivalent to *ancestor or previous owner* in the same way that Gerard remarks, under Bassington, one of the Lords of which, he says, "Seeing his *predecessor* had assumed Talbot's arms," &c. The other supposed proof is Coker (p. 98) restraining his eulogy on the "antient and well respected familie of Cokers of Mapowder" by remarking "that more it befits mee not, *being a member of the House* to speake of it." The short and simple answer to this is that Gerard, having allied himself to the family by marrying the Squire's daughter, might very pardonably call himself a member of his House, and that he was proud of this alliance is very evident from his causing the heraldic tree of the Gerard and Coker arms and quarterings to be painted on the arch of "The Storke Isle" in Trent Church where it is still to be seen.

JOHN BATTEN.

84. HEAD MASTERS OF BRUTON SCHOOL.—The School Account Books begin in the first year of Elizabeth's reign (17 Nov., 1558—17 Nov., 1559) and the first Master mentioned in them is Gryffythe Williams. These valuable books contain also lists of Governors from the same date and now and then the name of the Usher (once spelt Issher). The names of the two earliest Masters have been obtained from the sources mentioned below. In four instances (Chard, Beard, Whytehead, and Harding) no christian name is given: the Master being called "Mr.": in two of these, the blank has been filled from the Bruton Parish Registers by

kind permission of the Rev. H. T. Ridley, R.D. Vicar of Bruton. The Head Masters of Bruton usually held the Bishop's Licence and the Governors used to pay the fee, as is seen from several entries of expenses at Wells on these occasions, but unfortunately the Bishop's Registers at Wells are wanting from 1608 to 1616.

1539. Hugh Sherwood.

The School was founded in 1519. We have no means of knowing whether Sherwood was the first Head Master; but on the dissolution of the Abbey in 1539 he received an annuity of 5*£* out of the Revenues of the dissolved House, and was still living on Feb. 24, 1555-6, the date of Cardinal Pole's Pension List.

We learn from *Somerset Chantries* published by the Somerset Record Society (Vol. II., 131) that on April 21, 1548, the inhabitants of Bruton petitioned the King for the restitution of lands and tenements to the yearly value of 12*£* for the virtuous education and teaching of the youth as well of the said town of Bruton as of the whole country; they speak of the school as now decayed by reason that "Heughe Sherwoode late Scolemaster ther surrendered the saide landes into the kinges hands vj or vij yeres now past, who indevoring hymself rather to lyve licentiously at will than to travaile in good education of yewthe according to the godly fundacion of the saide scole" obtained an annuity of C^{s} and the aforesaid schoolhouse with a garden and a close of four acres and was discharged thereby of any further teaching.

1566. July 14, Thomas Sherwood buried. } *Bruton Reg.*
1567. June 30, Margery Sherwood buried. }

1550. John Slade, M.A. (Fellow of Magd. Coll., Oxon.)

To remedy this state of affairs the governing body obtained the services of a Fellow of Magdalen College, Oxford.

Slade became Fellow in 1544 and is described in the College Books as "e com. Somerset," so he may possibly have been born at Bruton or in the neighbourhood; as will be seen, the Bruton Registers contain entries of the same name. He was Master of Magdalen College School during 1548 and 1549, and on Sept. 6, 1550, the President and Fellows of Magdalen grant leave of absence of half a year to Mr. Slade "profecturo ad aperiendum Ludum grammaticalem pueris Brutonie."

(Bloxam's *Magd. Coll: Reg.* III., 106).

Bloxam says that he ceased to be Master of Bruton School in 1559 and adds that one John Slade, a schoolmaster, was executed at Winchester 30 October, 1583, for denying the Queen's supremacy. (Challoner's *Missionary Priests* I., 152).

1552. June 9, Joane Slade buried } (*Bruton Reg.*)
1562-3. Jan. 17, Giles Slade buried }

1559. Griffithe Williams [not *Christopher* as named by Bloxam.]

The first Master mentioned in the School Accounts, possibly identical with Griffithe Williams adm. B.C.L. 11 July, 1567.
Reg. Univ. Oxon. (Boase), p. 267.

1560. William Rawston probably identical with William Rawson, Sup. for B.A. 1546. M.A. 16 July, 1554. *Reg. Univ. Oxon.* (Boase), p. 213. Fellow of University College in 1551, see Smith's *Annals of Univ. Coll.*, p. 276. In 1585 Mr. Rawston resigned and was granted by the Governors a pension of four marks per annum.

1603. Oct. 11, Mr. William Rawsonne buried. (*Bruton Reg.*)

1585. John Langhorne, M.A.

Almost certainly identical with John Langhorne who matriculated from Queen's College, Oxford, in 1573, aged 20, "in com. Cumbriæ natus." He was irregularly elected Fellow 11 Nov., 1579, before he was M.A., and duly elected later. He was fifth Fellow and *Magister puerorum* in 1581-2, after which date his name disappears from the College books. [From information kindly supplied by Dr. Magrath, Provost of Queen's College.]

1607. Sept. 27, Mr. Langhorne resigns Headmastership.

1607-8 Feb. 1, Instituted to Rectory of Corton Dinham, Somerset, which he holds till his death in 1620.
(*Somerset Incumbents*, 74.)

1590. Aug. 25, Ursula d. of Mr. John Langhorne, bapt.

1594-5 Jan. 4, Jane d. of Mr. John Langhorne, bapt.

1597. May 22, Maurice* s. of Mr. John Langhorne, bapt.

1599. Aug. 4, Diana d. of John Langhorne, scoolemaster, bapt.
(*Bruton Reg.*)

1614. Dec. 29, John Langhorne, the elder, buried.
(*Pitcombe Reg.*)

1607. Walter Chard. Master 1607—1613 and again 1618—1636. (See below.)

1613. Beard.

1614. Given to Mr. Beard with the consent of the companye of Governors when he rode to Oxon with the widdowe Erberye her sonne 20/- (*School Accounts*).

1616. July 26, [Thomas] Whytehed possibly identical with Thos. Whytehead, B.A. from Christ's Coll., Camb., 1601-2. M.A. 1607, incorporated at Oxford, 14 July, 1618. (Foster's *Alumni Oxon.*)

1617-18. Jan. 29, Sarah d. of Thomas Whitthed, bapt.
(*Bruton Reg.*)

Mr. Whytehed left the school June 24, 1618.

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*Matric. Queens Coll. Oxon., 12 Dec., 1617, aged 19: "of Somerset, *pleb. f*" *pleb. fil.* does not prove that he was not *cler. fil.* To get certain emoluments, a candidate had to be poor, and so *pleb. fil.* might have been inserted in the Register to make him eligible for these.

In the School Accounts the Master is called Mr. Whytehead: and there is no absolute proof that he is the *Thomas Whitthed* of the Parish Register.

[From June to Michaelmas, 1618, the school was carried on temporarily by Henry James.]

1618. Mich. Walter Chard, adm. B.A. Magd. Coll., Oxon., 28 Feb., 1605-6. *Reg. Univ. Oxon.* (Clark) III., 261.

1636. June 5, Walter Chard the scholemaster buried. (*Bruton Reg.*)

1636. June 24, Roger Nicholles, probably identical with Roger Nicholls (son of Roger Nicholls of Crediton, Devon, pleb.) Exeter College, Oxon., matric. 21 June, 1633, aged 18. B.A. 5 May, 1636.

One of the same name was instituted Rector of Maperton, 21 Dec., 1661 (*Somerset Incumbents* 137) and was Canon of Wells in 1660. (*Alumni Oxon.*)

1640. Nov. 1, John Randall, son of Richard Randall of Shepton, Somerset, pleb., matric. Lincoln Coll. 25 Nov., 1631, aged 19. B.A. 23 Apr., 1635. (*Alumni Oxon.*)

On Sept. 25, 1673, Mr. Randall, still B.A., was presented to the Rectory of Yarlington by "Maurice Berkeley arm.," and held the Mastership and the benefice till his death in 1679. (*Somerset Incumbents*, 226). In 1668 Mr. Randall was *Minister* of Bruton, and in that capacity preached the funeral sermon for Charles Viscount Fitzharding, who was buried at Bruton, June 26, 1668. Mr. Randall was buried there June 20, 1679.

1680. Harding.

1681. Joanna* Webb, son of Thomas Webb of Sturminster Newton, Dorset, "pauper" matric. St. Alban Hall, 4 July, 1673, aged 18: B.A. from Wadham Coll., 1677: M.A. 29 Jan., 1679-80. Master of the free school of Bruton, Somerset, where he was born (Foster, citing Wood's *Ath.* iv. 738, *Fasti* ii. 370, Gardiner 299.)

Wood says that he was *Clerk* of Wadham College about 1674 and Chaplain about 1679. He died 2 March, 1699—1700, aged only 45. He was the author of a sermon entitled *Perjury, the Crying sin of the Nation*, 1691.

The School accounts contain the following entries:—

1681.	pd at Wells for a licence for Mr. Webb ..	£2 3 10
1700.	Mar. 30, pd Mrs. Margaret Webb relict of Mr. Joanna Webb, our late schoolemaster, the half year's salary	£15 0 0

1700. Samuel Hill, M.A., son of William Hill of South Petherton, Somerset, "pauper" (born 1648). Lincoln Coll.

* Probably a corrupt spelling of *Jonah*.

matric. 10 April, 1663, aged 14, B.A. from St. Mary Hall, 1666, perhaps M.A. 4 Dec., 1705, Rector of Middlezoy 1673—1687. (*Somerset Incumbents* 143). Rector of Kilmington 1687—1716 (*do* 117). Prebendary of Buckland Dinham Sept. 5, 1688. Archdeacon of Wells 1705—1716, died 7 Mar., 1715-16, aged 68, buried in Wells Cathedral, where there is a monumental inscription to his memory.

(Jewers's *Wells Cathedral*, 215).

Wood (*Athenæ* ed. by Bliss iv., 564) says that he was much esteemed for his learning and zeal for the Church of England. The Dictionary of National Biography gives a full list of his works.

1708. Sept. 29, Nicholas Goldesbrough.

I desire to thank Mr. T. H. Baker, J.P., for most kindly sending me extracts from the Registers of Mere (Wilts).

1659. Dec. 17, Nicholas son of John Goldisbrough gent. bapt. (at Mere). When he matriculated from New Inn Hall (8 March, 1680-1, aged 20) he is described as son of John G. of Mere, Wilts, "*paup*": but persons in good position often described themselves as *pleb. fil.* or *paup. fil.* in order to be eligible for servitorships and exhibitions.

The Mere Registers contain the baptisms of seven of Mr. Goldesbrough's children, one of whom (John) succeeded him in the Head Mastership of Bruton. The Registers also inform us that Mr. N. Goldesbrough was schoolmaster of Mere. He was buried at Bruton, May 5, 1738.

1693. Oct. 29, Augustine son of Nicholas Goldsburrough.
1695. Mar. 27, John son of Nicholas Gouldisbrough.
1697. July 24, Ann d. of Mr. Nicholas Goldisbrough, schoolmaster.
1699. Oct. Judith d. of Mr. Nicholas Goldisbrough, schoolmaster.
1700. Mar. 25, Mary d. of Mr. Nicholas Goldisbrough.
1702. Aug. 27, Henry s. of Nicholas Goldisbrough, schoolmaster.
1704. Elizabeth d. of Mr. Nicholas Goldsbrough.

1738. May 8, John Goldesbrough baptized at Mere Mar. 27, 1695. When he matriculated at Oxford his father was living at Bruton, but he describes his father's county and estate at the time of his birth. This was usual, as scholarships depended on the county in which the candidate was born. Son of Nicholas of Mere, Wilts, gent. Hart Hall, matric. 1 March, 1711-12, aged 16. B.A. 1715, M.A. 1718, Rector of Bratton, Somerset, 1726 and of Weston Bampfield, 1761. He was *Minister* of Bruton from before 1754 till 1768.

1768. Dec. 31, John Goldesbrough, Master of Bruton Free School buried. (*Bruton Reg.*) (He died Dec. 28, Bloxam's *Magd. Coll. Reg.* III. 235.)

1769. Aug. 14, Edward Michell son of John, of Diptford, Devon, gent. Matric. Exeter Coll. 7 March, 1755, aged 18. Fellow 1758-63. B.A. 1762. Master of Kingsbridge School, Devon, then of Bruton School: died Rector of Witham Friary, Som. 1799. (*Alumni Oxon*).

When elected to the Mastership of Bruton he is described as "late of Kingsbridge, Devon, but now of Bruton aforesaid, clerk." He held Witham with the Mastership, he was Vicar of Witham in 1791 when Collinson wrote his History of Somerset. He was buried at Bruton, June 3, 1799: his wife, Mary, was buried there May 28, 1799.

1799. Oct. 1, William Cosens, son of John, of London, doctor, matric. St. Mary Hall 19 March, 1782, aged 18 (*Alumni Oxon.*) When elected to Mastership of Bruton described as "of Ipplepen in the co. of Devon, Clerk." Aged 64 in 1826 when he retired from the Mastership and was granted an honorarium of 600*£*. He was *Curate* of Bruton during 1800: and *Minister* from 1801 till his death in 1831.

Mr. Wm. Cosens was admitted to the vicarage of Ipplepen, Devon, Aug. 24, 1789. Patrons, the Dean and Canons of Windsor. (Oliver's *Mon.* App. 26).

Another Wm. Cosens succeeded him at Ipplepen, Jan. 19, 1801.

1826. April 4, Llewelyn Lewellin, M.A. Scholar of Jesus Coll: Oxon., retired on his nomination to the Principalship of St. David's College, Lampeter.

1826. June 15, John Charles James Hoskyns Abrahall,* M.A. Wadham Coll., Oxon. Rector of Butterleigh, Devon, 1864-76.

1864. Sholto Middleton,* M.A. Ball. Coll. Oxon.

1869. Arthur Daniel Gill* M.A. Trin. Coll. Camb.

1873. David Evans Norton* M.A. Oriel Coll. Oxon.

1890. David Evans Norton (*filius*) M.A. Keble Coll. Oxon.

F. W. WEAVER.

85. DORSET AT THE REVOLUTION, 1688, *concluded.* (V. xxxiv. 40.)—

Report of King's Agents.

Report from the King's Agents sent into the country to influence the elections for parliament, respecting the counties of

*For an account of these Masters, see the *Bruton Register*, edited by the Rev. T. A. Strong, Revised Edition, 1894.

Wilts, Dorset and six others; containing notes on the prospects of all the borough and county elections.

To the Kings most Excellent Ma$^{tie.}$

May it please your Ma$^{tie.}$

Pursuant to your Maties commands, some of our number, with others their associates, have visited several Corporations and Burroughs that elect Members of Parliament, and some of them being return'd (viz. Dr. Nehemiah Cox, and James Clarke, from Wiltshire and Dorsetshire: Mr. Benj Dennis, and Richard Adams, from Cambridge, Norfolke, Suffolke, and Essex; Mr. Nathaniel Wade, John Jones, and Richard Andrewes from Somersett and Devonshire); We most humbly tender to your Matie a briefe acco^{te} of their transactions, pursuant to Instructions received by direction from your Ma^{tie,} and the most Hono^{ble} Lords of ye Committee for regulating Corporations. They have discovered all sorts of men in the countrey, as to your Maties most gracious intentions for Repealing the Tests and Penal Lawes for concience in matters of Religion, and doe find many of the Church of England, moderate and well inclined to part with those Tests and Lawes; their Religion being secured according to your Maties Declarac'on; and soe are the Presbiterians.

The Roman Catholiques, Independants, Anabaptists, Quaquers, that are numerous in many places, are generally in your Maties interest, notwithstanding the many rumours, and suggestions to divide and create jealousies among them. These are unanimously agreed to elect such members of Parliament, as will abolish these Tests and Lawes. We also finde, that Mouns$^{r.}$ Fagells letter, and other Pamphletts are industriously spread through all parts, with discourses and endeavo^{rs} to prejudice the Mindes of those who are faithfull, or inclined to your Maties interest, and that theres noe way yet settled to spread a sufficient number of such other books, as may informe and furnish the countrey with arguments to discover and detect the fallacious subtleties of these pernicious pamphlets; those few we have sent downe and disperst, have had very good effect. This we humbly submitt to your Maties consideration to give effectuall order therein.

We have also settled fitt and proper correspondents in each of those Counties, Corporations, and Borroughs for all services relating to this affaire, by whom we can in a short time be truely informed of any person or thing, and influence any Election, which service, (we doubt nott), they will, from time to time, faithfully and heartily perform, without putting your Matie to any greater charge, than the nature of the worke requires, the effect whereof will farr surmount that charge.

We do not finde that your Maties Revenue Officers have, or doe, improve their power for your Maties service in promoting this service, but on the contrary, severall of them and of the Post Masters are utterly averse thereunto.

Upon our most strict enquiries, conferences, and information, we finde upon the regulations and measures propos'd for those counties and places, which elect a hundred and forty Members, that when your Matie shall please to call your Parliamt you may expect above a hundred will be chosen, that will readily concurr with your Matie in abrogating those Tests and Lawes, and we doubt not but many, if not the most of the others, will also declare their consents thereunto.

By the further accounts from those of our number that are not yett returned, we have good ground to believe, that the same proportions of such like men will at least be chosen in Hampshire, Sussex, Lincolnshire, and Yorkshire, where Eighty eight are chosen, of which upon their returne, yor Matie shall have a more distinct account. The farr greatest part of the Elections in Cornwall, Wales, and the Cinque Ports, which are Eighty four, may allso be secured for your Majestie.

As a further satisfaction to your Ma^{tie,} we humbly tender an account (soe farr as we could learn from the Electors), who they intend to choose in each of those Counties, Corporations, and Borroughs, from whence those of our number are returned, and what their inclinations are respectively, (viz)

Dorsettsheire, Mr. Freak will be chosen who is moderate, and Mr. Michaell Harvey will be sett up by the Dissenters, who are numerous, and others as well in the County as in ye respective Corporations, and about 150 ffreeholders in Portland that are att the Governours devotion, who will attend ye Election; besides these two Gentlemen have soe great interest in the County, that itt is nott to be supposed any can oppose them.

Poole, Was a Corporation that did elect by the Magistracy, but by Judgment hath lost its Charter, which being in your Maties hands, things may be soe conducted, as that such may be chosen as your Matie shall nominate.

Dorchester, Is a Corporation, their Election is popular; their is a Quo Warranto against their Charter, which they will not deliver by reason of the instigation of one Andrew Loader, their Towne Clerke, and Deputy Clerk of Assize in the Western Circuit, a man inveterate against liberty, and tenacious for the Tests and Penal Lawes; however the Towne will certainly choose right men, the majority being Dissenters, and as such they propose Thomas Skinner, and Nicholas Gould.

Weymouth, Is a Corporation, and the Election popular.

Melcombe Regis, Is a Corporation, and the Election popular.

These two places doe jointly elect, the Dissenters are the Majority, and will choose right men. They propose Nathaniell Bond who is unquestionably soe,

and have promised to pitch upon three others, but would not name them untill they were sure they were such.

Lyme Regis. Is a Corporation, the Election is in the Major, Burgesses and Freemen, in number about 50.

This Towne was averse, but now by their humble Address, which will sudenly (*sic*) be presented to your Matie, they will assure you that they will choose right men, and propose to choose Mr. Burrage, and one other that is undoubtedly soe.

Bridport, Is a Corporation, the Election is popular, the majority are Dissenters. They are renewing their Charter, and have lately by their humble address to your Matie, given an assurance that they will choose right men. They will choose Alderman Rodbert and John Mitchell, who are undoubtedly soe.

Shaftsbury, Is a Corporation, the election is popular. They propose to choose Sr Mathew Andrewes and Mr. Bennett, of whom we hope to have full satisfaction.

Corfe Castle, Is a Corporation, the Election is popular, they will be influenced by a Dissenter. They will choose William Culliford, if he will be on the place, and Sr Nathaniell Nappier. It's suppos'd they are both right men, theres none can stand against them if Mr. Culliford improves his interest.

Wareham, Is a Borrough and chooseth by prescription, the Majority of the Electors are Dissenters. They propose to choose Major Earle, and Robert Earle, but will not fix on them, untill they have discourst them, and are sure they are right.

[Endorsed] Report of Parliament Men for
.... Dorsett ....
April 19th 1688. [Rawl. MS., A. 139 B., ff 178-185].

Report of King's Agents.

Report from the King's Agents respecting 127 elections for different counties and boroughs:—

To the King's most Excellent Majestie,

May it please your Majestie.

Wee most humbly tender to your Majestie an accompt of the Transactions of several of those Agents, lately sent into the Country, and of the Progress they have made, in the affair by your Majestie committed to them, so farr as the same is yet come to our hands. None of those Agents, except from Somersetshire and Devonshire, being yet returned but daily expected.

Wee do find that the Dissenters are firm to their resolutions, and not shaken by any endeavours that have been used to the contrary.

That the Books that have been dispersed have had very good effect, to the satisfyeing and establishing very many, though many endeavors have been used by the Church party to diswade people from reading of them. That a great inconvenience attending this affair, is the suggestions that are propagated by Churchmen, and some others disaffected, residing about London. However we have no reason to doubt, but there will be an Election of members for the Parliament, that will readily concur with your Majestie in establishing the Libertie proposed by your Majestie's most Gracious Declaration.

As a further satisfaction to your Majestie, wee humbly tender an accompt, so farr as wee can learn from the Electors, who they intend to choose in the respective Counties, Corporations, and Borroughs following, and what their respective inclinations are.

Dorsetshire, No return yet made, but yet very doubtfull.

Poole, Are unanimous for electing such as are for taking off the penal Lawes and Test.

They propose to choose Henry Trenchard and Mr. Sheriff Gold. As to the last of which they will [*not*] saye, since by their new Charter they will not be a County; or otherwise in his room to choose some good man.

Dorchester, The Election will be good, but no return yet made.

Lyme Regis, The same.

Weymouth and Melcombe Regis, } They will choose Mr. Nathaniel Bond, Mr. Michael Harvey, William Harvey, and one other good man.

Bridport, The Election will be good, but no return yet made.

Shaftsbury, Doubtfull.

Wareham, The will choose Mr. Earl and Mr. Skinner, both right men. It is desired that yor Maties mandate might issue for the choosing either of Mr. Joshua Wiseman or Mr. Robert Combes to be Mayor, their election being on the 9th September.

Corf Castle, They will choose Mr. Culliford and Sr Nathaniel Nappier or Mr. Founds, as Mr. Culliford shall settle it with them upon the place.

Mr. Samuel Bold, a conforming Minister, formerly persecuted for his moderation, is very active for right elections in this County.

[Endorsed]. Returns from the Agents in the Country, Sept., 1688.

[Rawl. MS., A. 139 B., ff. 186-198].

[From King's Agents].

Mem^dum.^ It is humbly desired:—

Dorsett, Also, That Mr. Andrew Loder be put out from being

Clerk of the Peace in Dorsetshire, and from all other employments according to a former order.

[Endorsed],

Touching certain Justices in
several Countyes,
Given to the Committee
July 21st, 1688.

[Rawl. MS., A. 139 B., ff. 199-274, Bibl. Bodl.]

EDITOR FOR DORSET.

86. A LIST OF SOMERSET RECUSANTS. 34 Eliz.-3 James I. —The following list is taken from the Recusant Rolls in the Public Record Office, Pipe Series, Nos. 1-14, which are the earliest for the reign of Elizabeth, beginning A.D. 1591. The whole series, numbering 81 rolls, goes down to 1 and 2 William and Mary; their contents consist of entries of fines—£20 a month whatever the rank of the offender—for non-attendance at "church or chapel or usual place of common prayer" and of entries of rents due to the Crown from tenants to whom the estates of recusants had been put to farm.

ASHBRITTLE, (GREENHAM).
{ Edward } Marvyn,* gentleman
{ Edmund }
ASHILL.
Thomas Muttlebury, gentleman
Dorothy, his wife
Ursula Joller, his servant
Bartholomew Pippen, yeoman
Margaret Tyme, spinster
Laurence Sam'
Agnes, his wife
BABINGTON.
Henry Foxwell, gentleman
Katherine, his wife
Elizabeth —— spinster } his ser-
Letitia —— spinster } vants
Margaret, wife of Timothy Wallis
Elizabeth Watt, spinster
Thomas Hill, taylor
BATH.
George Champneys, cordwainer
Elizabeth, his wife
John Lewick, yeoman
—— his wife
John Lushe, yeoman
Thomas Clement, yeoman
William Whitcombe, yeoman
Samuel Whitcombe, yeoman
—— Maynston, yeoman
John Melsam, yeoman
BEARE CUM BUSROWE.
James Courtney
BICKNOLLER.
Matthew White
BLACKFORD.
Dorothy wife of William Willowes, gentleman.
BRADFYE (? BRADLYE).
Henry Draper, yeoman.
BRATTON SEYMOUR.
Anne wife of John Byflett, gentleman
Mary Byflett, spinster
Elizabeth Byflett, spinster
†John Byflett
†Mary Woresley. spinster
†Robert Biflett, gentleman
†Elizabeth, his wife
†Anne Biflett, spinster
†Elizabeth Biflett, spinster
†Mary ——, spinster
BREWHAM.
Dorothy wife of William Cooke
Mary Cooke spinster
James FitzJames, gentleman
Mary his wife

* Edward Marvyn of Ashbrittle, owner of "a capital messuage called Greneham" is entered on most of the rolls, but occasionally the Christian name is given as *Edmund*.

† Described as of Bratton on the roll.

Joan Besye, widow
Katherine wife of Anthony Carewe, gentleman
Thomas Vagg
Edward Gifford

BRIDGEWATER.
John Walker gentleman
Edward his son

BRIMPTON.
Mary Catall
John Bush, husbandman
Judith his wife
Margaret Bush widow

BRISTOL.
—— Phelpes, yeoman

BRUTON.
Henry Sherwood, groom

BURNHAM.
Mary Cooke, spinster
—— wife of William Cooke

BYMPTON.
Alice Johnson servant of John Siddenham, esquire

CARHAMPTON.
Anne Tanner, spinster

CHARTERHOUSE-HINTON.
William Collyns, husbandman

CHEDDON.
Henry Trevile, yeoman

CHILCOT.
Michael Godwin, senior, gentleman
Michael Godwin, junior, gentleman
Frances Godwin, spinster

CHILTON.
Dunstan Wattor, gentleman

CHISLEBOROUGH.
Thomas Goodesole, husbandman

CLAPTON.
*Anne wife of John Bonvile

COMPTON PAUNCEFOOT.
†Edward Keynes, gentleman
Katherine his wife
William Keynes, gentleman
Elizabeth Kaynes, spinster
Katherine Kaynes, spinster

COSINGTON.
Elizabeth, wife of John Brent esquire
Joan {Perd / Peard} spinster
William Mayne, yeoman
Anna —— spinster
Christiana Browne, spinster
Elizabeth Cavile, spinster

CREWKERNE.
Alice, daughter of George Luke, shoemaker
*Anne wife of John {Bonvile / Banwill} gentleman

CUCKLINGTON.
Jane, wife of John {Kemis, / Kemysshe} gentleman

DUNSTER.
John White
Hugh Worth *alias* Hooper

FROME-SELWOOD.
Grace, wife of Ralph {Poyntinge / Poyntington} husbandman
Robert Bally

HORSINGTON.
John Gryndon, yeoman

HUNTSPILL.
Humfrey Grove *alias* Seller, husbandman
Robert Grove *alias* Seller, husbandman
Agnes wife of James {Pike / Peeke} yeoman
Thomas Goulde, yeoman
—— his wife
Susanna Goulde, spinster

ILCHESTER.
‡John Dawes, yeoman
Robert Budd
§Robert {Barber / Barker} clerk
Agnes his wife

ILMINSTER.
Alice Saffe, spinster
Frances, wife of Thomas Hawker, yeoman
Nicholas Carslake, "Fletcher"

ILTON.
Anne wife of Nicholas Harris yeoman

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* Rolls 14 and 11.

† After Roll 3 described as of Hempstede Morris, Berks; his estates were at Compton Pauncefoot.

‡ He had property at Glastonbury, Wells and West Pennard.

§ "Robertus Barber [or Barker] nuper de Ilchester clericus. Agneta Barber Uxor ejus."

INGLISHCOMBE.
Thomas Culverhowse, husbandman
KEYNESHAM.
Richard Gaye, yeoman
George Baylie, husbandman
William Bull, husbandman
KINGSTON.
*George Easton
KNIGHTON SUTTON.
William Ryall, gentleman
Margaret, his wife
Maria Welford, spinster
LANYATT.
Maria Catcott, spinster
MARSTON-BIGOT.
Henry Tayler *alias* Joyce, husbandman
—— his wife
MELLS.
Thomas Hill, taylor
MILVERTON.
John Norris, gentleman
Mary, his wife
Elizabeth Twist
John Spreet, husbandman
NETHER-STOWEY.
Thomas Seller, husbandman
Humfry Seller, husbandman
Robert, son of Robert Seller
Margaret Parsons, widow
John Kinge
John Ellys
John Walker
Roger Walker, yeoman
Elizabeth Byflett, spinster
Mary Byflett, spinster
NORTH CURRY.
Hugh Light
NORTH PETHERTON.
Katherine Maunsell, spinster
Matilda Maunsell, spinster
Elizabeth wife of Richard Maunsell, esquire
Richard Maunsell, esquire
Anthony Carey, gentleman
Katherine, his wife
Richard Maunsell, gentleman
NORTON ST. PHILIP.
Mary, wife of Philip Sheppherde, clothier
NUNNEY.
Margaret Prater, widow
Humfry Prater, gentleman
Richard Prater gentleman
Grace Prater
George Prater, esquire
Mary his wife
Margaret Prater, spinster
Josiah Pickfott, yeoman
Robert Brook, yeoman
James Sparke (tenant of the farm of Richard Prater
ODCOMBE.
Elizabeth wife of Giles Barnard, { gentleman, yeoman, }
OTTERHAMPTON.
Christofer Sayward
Katherine Maunsell
PENDOMER.
Henry Keymer, esquire
PENSELWOOD.
Robert Hunton, { gentleman yeoman }
John Moore, yeoman
Robert Houghton
POINTINGTON.
Elizabeth wife of John { Parham Perham Pirham } esquire
Henry Parham, gentleman
Matilda, his wife
Edward Parham, gentleman
Elizabeth, his wife
Jana Keynes, gentleman (*sic*)
Mary Welford, widow
Frances Welford, spinster
John Sherwill
Edward Marvyn, gentleman
PRESTON or PRISTON.
Joan wife of William Browne
Joan, their daughter
John Milson, husbandman
John Juste husbandman
Joan Werrett, spinster
QUEEN CAMEL.
Stephen Morris, yeoman
Henry Morris, junior
Joan, his wife
Leonard Bennett, weaver
Juliana Hallett, spinster
Jane Morris, spinster
Christiana Snowe
William Culliford, gentleman
Jane, his wife
Alice Turman, spinster
RIMPTON.
William Martin, yeoman
John Gryndal, *alias* Gryndam, yeoman
Anne his wife

* So in Roll No. 6, 39 Elizabeth, but in Roll No. 2, 35 Elizabeth, he is entered as of Tymberscombe.

ROAD.
Anthony Peyrd, fuller
Thomas Tyler, fuller
Thomas Whitchurch, yeoman
ST. DECUMANS.* [DONYFORD].
Silvester Huysshe, gentleman
SANDFORD ORCAS.
Grace wife of William {Knowle / Knowell / Knoell}
Florence Thomas, spinster
Elizabeth Cockesden, spinster
Edward Talbott, yeoman
Dorothy Keneston, spinster
Katherine Knowell
Joan Gifford spinster
†Edward Gifford, groom
†Edward Gifforde, gentleman
SHAPWICK.
Frances wife of Thomas Walton, esquire
Francis Batt, husbandman
Robert Everett, husbandman
SHEPTON MONTACUTE.
Jane, wife of James Fitzjames, gentleman
SOUTH PETHERTON.
John Phelpes, groom
STOKE-COURCY.
Clement Culverwell, yeoman
William Robert
TAUNTON.
Ambrose Hill
Thomas Davys *alias* Welshman
Jane wife of Sir William Courtney of St. James *juxta* Taunton
John Snake of St. James *juxta* Taunton
THORNE ST. MARGARET.
Robert {Steare / Steere}
Margaret, wife of George Steere
TIMBERSCOMBE.
John El ton
Joan, wife of Walter Worthe, gentleman
TRENT.
William Gerrard, gentleman
Mary his wife [widow in A.D. 1604]
Richard Thacker, husbandman
William, servant of William and Mary Gerrard
James Hall servant of William Gerrard
Late Margaret Bisshop, widow
Joan Bisshop her servant
Elizabeth wife of John Persham
Vincent Willes, yeoman‡
Margery his wife
Henry Willes
Joan, wife of Nicholas Wills
——, wife of William Pitt
Thomas Pitt, yeoman
Eleanor, his wife
George Mulborne, gentleman
Mary ——
Mary Burdett, spinster
Katherine Burdett, spinster
William White, groom
Robert Coxe, yeoman
Joan, his wife
Alice Wilson, spinster
Mary Maunsell, spinster
Tristram Buck, yeoman
Henry Parham, gentleman
John Bisshopp
Alice, wife of Henry Clifford, husbandman
Alice Clifford, spinster
Edith Clifford, spinster
Edith, wife of Tristram {Greedy / Credie / Creed} husbandman
Edith Greedy, spinster
Alice Tayler, spinster
Tobias Tayler, husbandman‡
James {Tayler / Taylor} of Adbeer, weaver
Elizabeth his wife
Rebecca Tayler, spinster
Margery Smith of Adbeer
WELLS.
Elizabeth Sarney, spinster
James Shergoe, gentleman
Matilda, his wife
Agnes, wife of — Shergoe
Margery Riall, widow
Mary Williams, spinster
Mary Sagney, widow
Frances, wife of Robert Owen, gentleman
Anne, wife of John Lunde, gentleman
Anne, wife of Michael Godwyn, gentleman

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* St. Deacons according to the spelling of the rolls.

† Perhaps the same person; "groom" may have been written by mistake, the roll, No. 13, being not altogether free from errors, as Katherine Knowell is described as "gentleman," "*generosus*."

‡ Sometimes described as a weaver.

Frances Godwyn, spinster
John Gilbert, gentleman, (of East Wells)

WEST CAMEL.
Agnes wife of Richard Dampyer, taylor
Anne wife of Edward Mullyns, junior, gentleman
Richard Smart, yeoman
Richard Mogg (?)

WEST COKER.
John Gaye, gentleman

WEST MONKTON.
John Hille, gentleman

WESTON-SUPER-MARE.
John Forte, gentleman
Katherine, his wife
John Forsse

WHILLEY.
Joan Peard

WHITE STAUNTON.*
John Phelpes groom
Thomas Phelpes, groom
Anne wife of Alexnnder Brett, esquire
William {Mayne / Mane} yeoman
Anne —— spinster
Barbara Ticheborne, spinster
John Muttlebury gentleman
Cecilia Sommer, spinster
Anne, wife of John Lunde, gentleman

WINCANTON.
James Ewens gentleman
Elizabeth, his wife

WITHAM FIARY.
—— Prater, wife of George Prater, gentleman

WITHYCOMBE.
John Hill

WIVELISCOMBE.
Robert Storye, yeoman
Sarah, his wife
William Storye, gentleman
Judith Storye, spinster
William Cappes, gentleman
John Cappes, gentleman
James Cappes, junior, gentleman
Mary wife of James Cappes
Richard Cappes gentleman
Arthur Cappes, gentleman
Dorothy Cappes, spinster
Margery Cappes, spinster
Mary Cappes, spinster
Frances Cappes, spinster

YEOVIL.
Thomas Hawker, senior, husbandman
Mary Hawker
Adriana, wife of John Hawker, gentleman
Anne Hawker, spinster
Anne, wife of Edward Mullyns
Elizabeth Sydenham, widow
Alice wife of John Hawker, gentleman of Vage in the parish of Yeovil

ZINDDON.†
John Ewens junior, gentleman
Elizabeth, his wife

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87. DORSET ADMINISTRATIONS.—*Continued.*—(II. ix. 10, x. 49, xi. 78, xii. 113, xiii. 150, xiv. 178, xv. 217, xvi. 242, III. xvii. 8, xviii. 57, xix. 94, xx. 151, xxi. 183, xxii. 233, xxiii. 279, xxiv. 323, IV. xxv. 11, xxvi. 38, xxvii. 77, xxviii. 123, xxix. 173, xxx. 209, xxxi. 251, xxxii. 298, V. xxxiii. 11, xxxiv. 46).

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Folio.	Name of Deceased.	Parish.	Grantee and Relationship to deceased.	Date of Administration.
140	Allen, Matthew, widr	Weymouth	William Ireland, "cognatus" and next of kin	26 Sep,, 1667
140	Bewnell, James	Poxwell	Margaret, relict	11 Sep., 1667
71	Carter, Alice, wid.	Woolland	Robert Cadburie, next of kin	22 Apl., 1667
130	Carter, Alice	Woolland	William Carman, "consobrinus" and next of kin	22 Aug., 1667

* Whichtaunton according to the spelling of Roll No. 14.
† [This is Suddon in Wincanton. EDITOR FOR SOMERSET].

Folio.	Name of Deceased.	Parish.	Grantee and Relationship to deceased.	Date of Administration
37	Cooth, Margaret, wid.	Sherborne	John, "nepoti ex filio"	11 Feb., 1667
	Corance al's Naper	See Naper		
49	Drake, Philip	Lyme Regis	Mary, relict	8 Mch., 1667
177	Drake, Thomas	Blandford Forum	Jane, relict	11 Dec., 1667
89	Edwards, Abraham	Chardstocke	Jane, relict	23 May, 1667
49	England, John	Burstock	Mary, relict	1 Mch., 1667
15	Faireclough, Elizabeth	Stalbridge	Samuel Faireclough, Richard Shute and Richard Faireclough, guardians of Samuel, Elizabeth, Nathaniel, John and Posthumous Faireclough, children of deceased	31 Jan., 1667
15	Faireclough, Nathaniel, cler.	Stalbridge	Richard Faireclough, Richard Shute and Samuel Faireclough guardians of of Samuel, Elizabeth, Nathaniel, John and Posthumous Faireclough, children of deceased; Elizabeth, relict, now deceased, not having fully administered (former grant November, 1656)	31 Jan., 1667
71	Hann, Robert, bachr.	Dalwood	Thomas Hann, father	1 Apl., 1667
140	Hastings, John	Woodlands	Thomas Pecher, principal creditor: of goods not administered by Elizabeth Hastings al's Clerke, relict since deceased (former grant June, 1658)	9 Sep., 1667
104	Hutchins, Henry, bachr.	Chardstock	Margaret Warrey, mother	3 June, 1667
49	Jackman, William	Helmesworth Shapwick	Edith Fisher, daughter	27 Mch., 1667
15	Joyce, John	Marnhull	Thomas Joyce, uncle and next of kin and principal creditor	31 Jan., 1667
117	Knowles, Peter, bachr.	Melcombe Regis, died in service of the King	Edith, mother	27 July, 1667
140	Lacie, Barratt	Dorchester	Grace, relict	21 Sep., 1667
174	Naper, al's Corance, Anna	Pouncknoll	Robert Naper, arm; husband	27 Nov., 1667
	Payne al's Pope	See Pope		
49	Phillips, Richard	Corfe Mullen	Elizabeth, relict	1 Mch., 1667
130	Phillips, Thomas	Gillingham	John, brother	6 Aug., 1667
174	Pope al's Payne, Mary	Froome Belett Staword (Stafford)	Wiliam Pope, husband	2 Nov., 1667
15	Seymer, Richard	Hanford	John, brother	29 Jan., 1667
178	Sheppard, Richard	Gillingham	Grace, relict	5 Dec., 1667
174	Swayne, Robert	Fryar Mayne	Jane, relict	26 Nov., 1667

Folio.	Name of Deceased.	Parish.	Grantee and Relationship to deceased.	Date of Administration.
36	Symes, Joseph	Beamister	Mary, relict	26 Feb., 1667
49	Tayler, John	Weymouth	William Twisse, principal creditor; Mary, relict, renouncing	18 Mch., 1667
154	Turner, John	Wimborne Minster, died on ship "The Princess"	Margaret, relict	30 Oct., 1667
174	Wadman, Francis	Sherborne	Mary, relict	4 Nov., 1667
177	Waltham, Thomas, bachr.	Weymouth	Henry, brother	19 Dec., 1667
35	Wayte, Anthony	Wymborne Minster	Elizabeth Deffrance, widow, "neptis"	19 Feb., 1667
			1668	
178	Arnold, Henry	Ilsingdon	Anne Hastings, widow, daughter: of goods not administered by Judith, relict	15 Dec., 1668
166	Baker, Barnaby	Iwern Minster	Elizabeth Churchey, daughter	20 Nov., 1668
60	Churchill, Thomas	Dorchester	George Hodder and Henry Cuffe, guardians of Richard, Thomas and Mary, children of deceased (further grant May, 1678)	28 Apl., 1668
74	Cobb, Nicholas	Wareham, died abroad in ship "Colchester"	Elizabeth, relict	25 May, 1668
48	Collord, Amos, bachr.	Stockland	Joane, mother	20 Mch., 1668
13	Coombe, Avice Ford al's Symes	Hinton Mary See Symes	Mary Savage, next of kin	22 Jan., 1668
73	Geerish, Gabriel	Eastlulworth	Elizabeth, relict	25 May, 1668
73	Gibbs, Edward, bachr.	South Perrott	Catherine, wife of Francis Sandys, sister	4 May, 1668
33	Hastings, Francis	Islington	Ann, relict	10 Feb., 1668
33	Henly, Mary, spr.	Lyme Regis	Henry, father	25 Feb., 1668
33	Highmore, William, bach.	Hampreston	John, brother	24 Feb., 1668
48	Hingston, Walter, bachr.	Lyme Regis	Simon Hussey, principal creditor	24 Mch., 1668
26	Hoskins, William, bachr.	Beaminster died at Morlaix, France	John, brother; Henry, father, Mary, mother, James, brother, Ann Hillary and Mary Gedges, sisters, renouncing	7 Feb., 1668
74	Hussey, Jane	Divelish	Robert Hussey, arm., husband	28 Mch., 1668
61	King, Thomas	Shaston	Elizabeth, relict	25 Apl., 1668
87	Lacy, James	Caundlemarsh	Anthony Carnaby, principal creditor	6 June, 1668
13	Pymer, John	Abbotsbury	Cecily, relict	21 Jan., 1668
125	Rouncevall, Robert	Stockland	Mary Smith, daughter	28 Aug., 1668
48	Stoodley, John	"Rye Co. Dorset"	Joseph, brother	20 Mch., 1668

Folio.	Name of Deceased.	Parish.	Grantee and Relationship to deceased.	Date of Administration.
88	Strowde, Richard	Netherbury	Ralph Ironside, principal creditor	5 June, 1668
167	Symes al's Ford, William	Askerswell, died at Glastonbury	Susanna Stone, aunt (father's side) and guardian of Thomas, William, John, Margaret, Ann, Emme and Mary Symes, children. Of goods unadministered by Anne Symes al's Ford, relict, since deceased; former grant June, 1666; further grant Aug., 1679.	21 Nov., 1668
60	Tayler, John	Dorchester	Elizabeth Randall al's Taylor, widow, relict	13 Apl., 1668
73	Tewxbury, Edward	Corfe Castle	Edith, relict	21 May, 1668
60	Tupp al's Toope, Richard	Bullen, Corfe Castle	Alice, relict; further grant Feb., 1671	18 Apl., 1668
73	Waltham, Henry	Weymouth	Ruth, relict	19 May, 1668
74	West, Henry, bachr	Lyme Regis died in West Indies	Abel, brother; further grant Aug., 1668	26 May, 1668
125	West, Henry	Lyme Regis	Walter, father; letters granted May, 1668, renounced	13 Aug., 1668
61	Wilkins, Thomas	Wymborne All Saints	Mary, relict	4 Apl., 1668
			1669	
7	Budden, Richard	Wymborne Minster	Jane, relict	27 Jan., 1669
100	Collard, Elizabeth	Stockland	Joane Davy al's Collard, wife of John Davy, daughter	7 Sep., 1669
23	Dewey, William	Wareham	Margaret, relict	6 Mch., 1669
65	Frampton, Ann	Buckland	Walter, son	22 June, 1669
166	Glad, John	Wambrook	John, son	2 Dec., 1669
146	Hicklebridge, John	Netherbury	Barnard, brother	30 Nov., 1669
166	Hooper, Hopton, bach.	Hanley	Rachel Hilley, Catherine Morgan and Dorothy Fisher, sisters	20 Dec., 1669
166	Jay, Susanna	Wimborne Minster	Prudence Bennett, wife of Thomas Bennett, Margery Deane, wife of John Deane and Susanna Lambert, wife of Nicholas Lambert, daughters	18 Dec., 1669
24	King, Jane, widow	Gillingham	Jane, daughter	19 Mch., 1669
23	Mackrell, Christopher	Wimborne Minster	Christopher, son; Mary, relict, not having fully administered	15 Mch., 1669
56	Phelps, John	Horton	Jane, relict	17 May, 1669
146	Sibley, William	Ewerne Minster	Christiana, relict	8 Nov., 1669
85	Storr, Ann	Sherborne	Susanna Cooth, wife of Jesse Cooth, sister	3 July, 1669
6	Templeman, Thomas	Lyme Regis	Jane, relict	20 Jan., 1669

Folio.	Name of Deceased.	Parish.	Grantee and Relationship to deceased.	Date of Administration.
63	Zealy, John,	Dorchester "Carcer'em"	Samuel Halselber, principal creditor	4 June, 1669
			1670	
155	Bayley al'sHussey, John	Yetminster	Ann, relict	16 Oct., 1670
94	Boles, John	Poole	Ann, relict	1 June, 1670
19	Budden, John	Horton	Margaret, relict; further grant March, 1673	12 Feb., 1670
175	Childrey, Joshua	Upway	Elizabeth, relict	29 Dec., 1670
43	Cockeram, John, arm.	Sanwich in Purbeck	Thomas, brother	5 Mch., 1670
94	Coker, Robert	Dorchester	Andrew Loder, principal creditor; of goods not administered by Martha, relict; former grant, Feb., 1664	11 June, 1670
18	Cross, John	Blandford	Margaret, relict	4 Feb., 1670
19	Cutterne, Edward	Weymouth, died abroad	Jane, relict	14 Feb., 1670
95	Dackombe, Bruin	Corfe Castle	Ann Dyer, daughter	22 June, 1670
157	Davey, Mary	Lyme Regis	John, son	3 Nov., 1670
97	Edwards, William	Ensborough Canford Magna	Alice, relict	13 June, 1670
2	Ferrey, Thomas	Lyme Regis	Susan, relict	7 Jan., 1670
176	Fitzjames, Ralph	Lillingston	Susan, relict	7 Dec., 1670
43	Fortescue, Eleanor, widow	Quare	John Pitt, uncle (mother's side), and guardian of Francis and Elizabeth, children of deceased	31 Mch., 1670
96	Frampton, Francis	Milton Abbas	Elizabeth, relict	20 June, 1670
153	Gibbs, Agnes	Marshwood	Edith Newberry al's Newburrough, next of kin	22 Sep., 1670
127	Hoard, William	Sturminster Marshall	William Watkinson, principal creditor, Frances, relict, renouncing	25 Aug., 1670
128	Hussey, Edmund Hussey al's Bayley	St. Giles See Bayley	Susan, relict	2 Aug., 1670
94	King, Joan, widow	Wimborne Minster	William, son	2 June, 1670
143	Larcombe, Thomas	SouthPoorton	Grace, relict; further grant Nov., 1719	28 Sep., 1670
57	Mackrell, William	Ensborow Canford Magna	Alice Edwards, daughter	11 Apl., 1670
43	Mervin, George	Weymouth	Mary, relict	4 Mch., 1670
142	Mills, Emanuel	Beaminster	Edith, wife of Richard Horsford, and Judith, wife of John Gatch, daughters	9 Sep., 1670
19	Muncke, Robert	Blandford Forum	Susan Muncke, sister	20 Feb., 1670
143	Nicholas, George	Gussage All Saints	Elizabeth, mother	19 Sep., 1670
96	Smith, John	Gillingham	Catherine Edwards and Jane Newman, daughters; Mary, relict, renouncing	12 June, 1670

Folio.	Name of Deceased.	Parish.	Grantee and Relationship to deceased.	Date of Administration.
43	Stickland, Ann	Alton Pancras	Robert, brother	21 Mch., 1670
43	Stickland, John	Alton St. Pancras	Robert, son; Ann, relict, not having fully administered; previous grant April, 1650	
43	Stickland, William	Alton Pancras	Robert, brother	21 Mch., 1670
142	Studley, James	Weymouth	Margaret, relict	16 Sep., 1670
81	Stride, John	Thornford	Joane, relict	21 May, 1670
176	Wallis, Daniel	Weymouth	Edith, relict	7 Dec., 1670
19	Welch, Richard	Horton	Barbara, wife of Leonard Welsted, sister	14 Feb., 1670
43	Winter, Mary	"Mudford, Co. Dorset"	Thomas Swayne, next of kin and principal creditor; Henry White, husband, not having fully administered: former grant July, 1664	10 Mch., 1670

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(*To be continued.*)

88. THE SCOLD OF OLD.—Whether women of old time were more energetic in the use of the best member that they have —or whether men of these latter days are a more patient race in the presence of similar delicate attentions—it is not necessary—perhaps impossible—for the writer of this note to determine.

The following quotations give, however, two methods of retaliation employed at different periods by those who were aroused by the gentle stimulus of a woman's tongue.

The first is from the Gillingham Court Rolls, Hock term; 27 April, 1603.

"Et presentant quod Anna White est communis Objurgatrix, Rixatrix et Garrulatrix ad maximam disturbacionem vicinorum ibidem: Ideo preceptum est Constabulariis ac Decenariis Decenie de Motcombe prefatam Annam apprehendere et ipsam punire per per corpus suum in le Scoldeing Stole in Decenia de Gillingham citra proximam curiam legalem sub pena utriusque eorum in defectum xs. Et quod omnes inhabitantes ibidem ad eos intendendos et auxiliandos sint cum requisiti fuerint sub pena cuiuslibet eorum in defectum xijd."

A translation would fail to do justice to the delightfully descriptive terms, *Objurgatrix*, *Rixatrix* and *Garrulatrix*, but for the benefit of those readers (if any) of *S. & D. N. & Q.* who are not familiar with Ciceronian prose, it may be stated that the offending dame, Anne White of Motcombe, was directed by the jurors to be apprehended, and placed in *le Scoldeing Stole* in the tithing of Gillingham, and that all the inhabitants there should be present and assist, under a penalty of 12 pence each in case of default.

The second quotation is an advertisement in the *Sherborne Journal* of the subjoined date, and speaks for itself.

"Pimperne, Dorset, July 28, 1785.

Whereas I, Betty Dennett, did, in my childhood, continually quarrel with my father and the whole family; since that I have for forty years continually disturbed the peace of the whole parish, keeping them in continual fear and dread of my non-parallel tongue, by which I have acquired the name of Top; and within these few days have said many defamatory things of Mr. Dymock, of Pimperne, without the least shadow or cause whatever, and for which he was going to enter an action against me; but on my making this public acknowledgement, asking pardon of the parishioners and Mr. Dymock, and pay[ing] the expence hereof, he has stopt the proceedings; and I do therefore ask their and his pardon, and promise never to be guilty of any such defamatory language again, hoping the publication will be a warning to others.

678] BETTY DENNETT."

89. NOTES ON CHURCHES IN THE DEANERY OF BRUTON. —The Somerset Archæological Society has always paid great attention to the ecclesiastical architecture of the county. In its early days the influence of the late Professor Freeman was very great, and in later times the principal buildings have been expounded, illustrated, and described by a series of experts. But the difficulty of conveying a large party to all the places of interest in the course of an annual meeting lasting only three days, causes many churches to be left unvisited, partly because they are not sufficiently interesting to justify the secretaries passing over better known buildings, and partly because they are often difficult of access. These 'notes' are intended to give a short account of each building in a limited area, so far as anything of interest is left to describe.

E. H. BATES.

[The Editors take this opportunity of thanking Mr. F. May, of Batcombe, for the photograph from which the illustration is taken.]

BATCOMBE.*

Batcombe church consists of a magnificent western tower, a fine nave with clearstory and aisles, south porch of 17th cent., and an insignificant chancel with vestry on north side. The photograph gives a good idea of its general appearance. The prevailing style is Perpendicular. In the outer face of the wall of the south aisle are two stones having a small zigzag moulding on one edge; the break in the masonry of the east wall of this aisle, marked by the line of large stones with the uppermost projecting, shows that the original nave was a low building without aisles, at least on the south side. The coping on the south side of the chancel gable

* Som. Arch. Soc. Proc. xxiv. i. 43, description by Mr. E. B. Ferrey.

BATCOMBE CHURCH, SOMERSET.

rests on a corbel carved with a man's face, with a sprig of E. E. foliage on either side. The cross on the apex of the gable was pronounced by Mr. Ferrey to be of 13th century work. The south aisle is lighted by one perpendicular window at the east end, and two square-headed windows of four lights at the side, which by the mouldings on jambs and mullions belong to the Decorated order. These few remains seem to show that the original church was probably a small building without aisles, dating back to Norman times, with a chancel altered in E. E. style, and larger windows inserted in south wall in the next style. In the Perpendicular days the church, with the exception of the chancel, was rebuilt. Although the nave and tower were evidently not erected at the same time, and Mr. Ferrey considered the tower to be of an early date, yet the nave is not at all cramped, as is so often the case when it has been rebuilt between an early chancel and a new tower, and therefore unable to expand at either end.

The nave is built in four bays with clearstory, the only ornamentation being a string course running along below the sills of the windows. The chancel arch is of the same date but very low. The north aisle windows are of an ordinary pattern. There is no window at the west end of either aisle, nor in the western bay of the north aisle, and as the masonry of that part does not differ from that of the rest of the aisle, this must have been the original design.

The photograph shows the turret built at the east end of the aisle to give access to the rood loft, the entrance door to which is in the east wall inside. The parapets of the church consist of a series of pierced quatrefoils, each with a centrepiece of varying shape and ornamentation. This is often a flower, but the following is a list of the more distinctive ones: on the north side, saltire, I.H.S. in a monogram, cross, initials $\frac{\text{I.B.}}{\text{I.}}$ on a shield, representation of the five wounds, cross bottonée. On the south side, in addition to the cross, monogram and saltire, there are 3 escallops (the Bisse arms), one large escallop and 2 fleurs de lys. These parapets have evidently been a trouble to generations of churchwardens, and I make a suggestion that the Bisse family repaired them at the same time that they built the south porch, *i.e.* 1629. The west parapet of the north aisle has been replaced in part by solid stone, and Mr. May has discovered that one of these stones was originally erected to perpetuate the memory of John son of James Bisse, and after the departure of the family was used for another purpose. A large piece of the parapet over the south aisle has been rebuilt in this century.

The chancel has one square-headed window of late date; the priest's door has been walled up. On the apex of the eastern gable of the nave is a crucifix, and the V shaped space in the parapet beneath is filled with the half-length figure of an angel. In post-reformation days a south porch was added by James Bisse.

It is a curious mixture of Gothic and Jacobean detail: a shield on one side of the door bears Bisse impaling Specott (on a bend 3 millrinds), the shield on the opposite side 1629. In the gable above is another shield with the Bisse arms within a garter bearing a verse from the Magnificat "Fecit mihi magna Qui potens est, et sanctum nomen ejus." The east window of the chancel is probably of this date; it is a plain rectangle of three lights divided by a transom.

The tower belongs to Mr. Freeman's third class of Somerset Perpendicular buildings (third in point of arrangement only, and first in beauty). The whole building, clear of the nave, is treated as one stage, the distinctive feature in this case being that there are three windows in the belfry instead of two. The illustration makes their arrangement and that of the angle buttresses quite clear. The turret is carried up to the parapet, so that there are only two windows on the northern face of the tower. The lower stage on this side is quite plain: on the south side are two niches, now empty. The western face is beautiful. In ascending order we see a doorway within a square hood, the moulding with unusual terminations, the spandrels containing animals. Over the doorway is a bold string course once ornamented with three demi-angels, now terribly mutilated. Above this comes the great west window of 4 lights; at the spring of the arch the hood moulding is continued across the wall. Between the apex of the window and the sill of the belfry stage is a canopied niche containing a figure of the Lord clad in a flowing garment, with the feet resting on a bracket supported by an angel. Three pairs of angels are sculptured on either side of the niche, the two uppermost holding thuribles, the next pair implements of the Passion (a ladder is quite plain) and the lowest pair scrolls. It will be noticed that no pinnacles rise above the parapet, and this is at once felt to be as much a defect as in the greater offenders at Wells.

Interior.

The lower part of the tower is covered over with a beautiful vaulting of fan tracery, and the arch leading into the nave is recessed and panelled. The roofs are all plain, that of the north aisle being supported on the outer wall by carved wall pieces resting on angel-corbels. The east window of this aisle contains the few pieces of coloured glass yet remaining. In an upper light, S. Barbara with her monstrance and palm branch; in the principal lights a few quarries have bells in yellow stain, alternating with some other design undecipherable except that they are not pomegranates. The jambs and sill of the window have been cut down and set back to hold a reredos or 'tables'; so that this may have been the chantry or chapel of the fraternity who at their dissolution 2 Ed. VI. had 'nyne kine priced at viij s. le pece.' There are two cinquefoiled recesses in the wall now empty, and the author of a little history of Batcombe and Upton Noble, 1865,

(the Rev. G. W. Macdonald) records a tradition that this was the burying place of the family of Babey whose crest was a bell, and who built the aisle. No such name is known however in the annals of Batcombe. The font is a good specimen of the Perpendicular period, but has been a good deal scraped in the course of restoration. All the wooden fittings are of deal, except the altar rails which are of oak, and are considered by some authorities to be Jacobean. The only other thing in the chancel of interest is the brass of Philip Bisse, D.D., about 18 in. square, which depicts him kneeling at a desk. On the sill of the eastermost window of the south aisle is the Bisse family monument. A wall about 2 feet high reaching from jamb to jamb is divided into 3 panels which are covered with inscriptions. Over this two arabesques support another panel on which rests a shield bearing the Bisse arms.

Before leaving this building it should be noticed that, thanks to Bishop Hobhouse, it provides a shelter for certain architectural fragments brought from the site of Spargrove church. These comprise three corbel heads, the capital of a pilaster, and a stone with deep chevron moulding, all of the 12th century, and part of the bowl of an octagonal font measuring quite 3 feet across, of the 15th century. In the barn at Spargrove are some narrow round-headed windows which look as if they might have come from the same building.

90. Bullen Reymes, Jun., of Whaddon, Dorset.—Bullen Reymes, junior, was the heir and executor, and apparently the only surviving son of Colonel Bullen Reymes, M.P., and on his father's death succeeded to his estates. See *Ante* p. 35.

He seems to have resided for much of his time out of the County, as is implied by the letter of Anne Coker's of the 19th July, 1690, which will be presently given; and Thomas Goddard's letter, written in 1684, shows that he was then in London. The latter was as follows:

"These

For Bullen Reymes, Esq., att Mr. Edwd. Goddards Goldsmyth in the pav'd Alley over agt S^nt Albanes Street in Pell-Mell

London.

[Seal, a chevron vair between three crescents. Crest, a stag's head. Post mark $\frac{\text{MA}}{13}$ within a small circle.]

"Wlts: Swind^n: March y^e: 11th, '84.

Deare Angelle,

I am not yet in a Condition to Wright long Epist^s or to Express my selfe other than *Quicq'd valeam* haueing bin down staires two daies; and now againe vnder confinement of Chamber and

between whiles in Miserable restless Torture. Y^e other day to procure prsent ease I lost aboue 30 ounc' of Bld from ye foot disaffected as much as I could well Dispence wth without kick'g vp my heeles wch gave prsent Releife. I strecht the last Week to pay into you & poor Coz Ned 90 or 100 li to Repay the Citt. ffan-fan that you might not incurr any Penalty through my Neglect of yr Fortnights Bond. Pray see it discharged. Can you imagine there can be that reallity as pretended as to lend a man such a sum & on her own accepted security & y^n thus to baffle mee and in this my extremity wch will inforce mee to breake my Word wth others whose moneyes I warn'd inn. Come! come! let me tell her 'tis base and vnworthy vnbecomeing a Marchioness and i'le protest her on ye Exchange. ye ffringe to be dyed bl: I likewise sent y^n to Edwd. & returnd the childrens coates being not well-lik'd of for better, tho they are school boyes yet I must maintaine them like other Gentm^ns children though I goe plaine my selfe if by their Industry they shall deserve my continued favour not soe much to make y^m proud or selfe-conceited but rather ye more carefull and neate in theire weare and to sett an estimate on themselves above ye Vulgar or Com'on sort & y^ts ye Region of my Curiosity hasten Cambridge I beseech you & send down ye rest of ye things bespooke I hope y^r own grand concerne will now be ye sooner dispatch'd since E. R. Ld. Trus^r. & you have soe good a friend as Jem'y Kendall y^t you may be ridd out of and discharg'd from that Expensive Towne & hell-hound Tradesmen y^t makes noe more Conscience to cheate an honest countrey Gentm^n y^n whore to Cant-Ring wch sticks plauguely in ye Gizard of mee, in y^r next ye newes and ye meaneing of y^t Clause relateing for Landed men to doe homage on Coronation day, if Woodrofs Wagg^n makes not a return y^n you may send every Week by Viner of Highworth or ye Marlebrough waggons wth a Lr. to signify by whom. my Recom'endacons to all Inquirers & continue all y^r good Good healths, S_r, y^t you may heres 6 goodownes in smooth Ale.

en Rep: Tho: Goddard."

In course of time Bullen Reymes became engaged to his cousin Anne Coker the daughter of Robert Coker, Esq., of Mappowder. His letters, addressed to this lady during the period of his courtship, are not at hand, though still preserved, but three of her replies, after being treasured for two centuries, are here brought to the light of day.

"To Bullen Reymes Esq. att Waddon, in Dorset."

"Sr

I am sory that the memory of me should case so great a dissatisfaction in you that you can take noe rest. Loves deseases ar so easy to cure that you need none of my relefe for being so much yousd abrode in the world as you ar I thinke it not posible

that such a passion should make you stoop for my parte I cannot thing there is any such thing now a day in the world pray burne this and in so doing you will oblidge

Sr

Mappouder — Your Lo: Kinswoman,
July ye 19th — to serve you
1690 — Ann Coker."

"For Bullen Reymes Esqr. att Waddon. These."

"Sr

I am extremly obliged to you for your kind expreshions which you ar pleased to Honour me with if it be Reall, you know that I am vnder the Government of A Father whom I allways shall Endeaver to please: I am

Sr your obliged Kins^w
Mapowder — & humble servant
Aug: th 23 — Ann Coker.

I received the anchovis. When I see you will thankfully pay you."

"For Bullen Reymes Esqr, Waddon, These Present."

"Sr

Yours of the 12th Instant I have received, wherein you have expressed such a reall and hearty affection towards me, that I cannot chuse, but gratefully acknowlidg the same, and wish that myselfe & ffortune were answerabel thereunto, it is (Sr) much above my capacity or sex, to make you the like returns of those Generose Expressiones of yours towards me, & being so is a plea for my Excuse: I shall be really glad to see you here assoone as you thinke fitt: pray excuse all that amise being an vmble request of

Sr Your affecti: Kns^w
Mapowder — Ann Coker.
Sep: 20th 1690.

The marriage, for which these letters prepared the way, was duly celebrated, according to Hutchins' Dorset (vol. iii. p. 723) on 8th June, 1691, but the married life of the pair was not of long duration; Bullen Reymes dying in the year 1695. He was buried at Portisham on October 12th. There was no issue by this marriage and the deceased by his Last Will bequeathed all the property over which he had control to his widow. That some question thereupon arose is evident from the articles of agreement subsequently drawn up between the widow and the heir at law, of which the following is an abstract:—

"Mr. Pleys Agreemt with Madam Reymes, 1696."

Articles of Agreement made 15th Oct., 8 Wm. III, 1696, between Anne Reymes of Waddon, Dorset, widow, relict and executrix of Bullen Reymes late of Waddon aforesaid Esq., decd,—

and Reymes Pley of Causway, Dorset, gent., nephew and heir of the said Bullen Reymes—reciting that Bullen Reymes bequeathed all his estate real and personal, that was in his power to give, unto the said Anne Reymes, and that a question had arisen between the parties touching the effect of the said devise. It is agreed that Reymes Pley, his heirs and assigns, shall enjoy the manor or reputed Manor of West Chelborough, Dorset, and that Anne Reymes, her heirs, &c., shall enjoy all other messuages, lands, tenements and hereditaments, wherein her late husband had any estate of freehold or inheritance or for term of years, and that Reymes Pley shall pay to his brother George Pley, if living in two years, the sum of £100, and to his sister Mary Pley, if she shall live to 30 years or marry. £100 within six months of such date, and within eighteen months the sum of £50, and to his brother Benjamin Pley, if living in three years, the sum of £50. And that Anne Reymes shall pay the said Mary Pley, if she live to 30 years or marry, the sum of £100 within six months.

Sealed and delivered by Reymes Pley in the presence of Robert Coker, jun., Tho. Coker, Tho. Cooper.

Seal, A bend between two escallop shells.

It seems also that a few years earlier some questions had arisen between Reymes Pley and Bullen Reymes, for the former, described as of Waymouth and Melcombe Regis, gent., on 2nd Dec., 1693, releases to the latter all actions, causes, &c., which he had against him from the beginning of the world to the date of these presents. (Seal, On a bend wavy, three anchors.)

With the death of Bullen Reymes the male issue of this family seems to have become extinct. His widow subsequently married Harry Chafyn, Esq.,* and the Reymes property together with the manor of West Chelborough, which had been sold, and re-purchased from Lord Rolle's trustees, by Mr. Chafyn Groves' Father about 1865, (See Hutchins' *Dorset*), now forms a portion of the estates of Mr. Troyte-Chafyn-Grove, which he has inherited through his descent from Harry Chafyn abovenamed.

C. H. Mayo.

91. Somerset Briefs.—The Crawford Collection of Original Briefs contains three relating to Somersetshire, of which the following particulars are of interest:—

Twerton Fire. On Sept, 5, 1797, a sudden and terrible fire broke out in the workshop of....Walter Tanner [of Twerton, in the County of Somerset, carpenter], which in a short space of time, burnt and destroyed the whole of his workshop, together with the following goods, which were deposited therein; (viz.) five thousand frame spokes, twenty large wheel stocks, twenty

* She was buried at Portisham, 26th May, 1701, and Harry Chafyn, 21st Sept., 1726.

dozen of narrow wheel felleys, four dozen of six inch wheel felleys, seven dozen of axletrees, three pair of two inch Dutch sashes, eight pair of deal sashes and pulley pieces, three pair of waggon hoops, three cart beds, three waggon beds, six wheel-barrows, ten new wheel-barrow wheels, two cart wheels bended, eight coal boxes, three doors, two thousand feet of prime pine board, three hundred feet feet of prime deal step stuff, four hatches, three deal boxes, and three tables, three hundred and seventy feet of red inch deal, three hundred and fifty feet of white inch deal, three hundred feet of white inch deal prepared for flooring, two hundred feet of half inch deal, one hundred feet of one inch and half deal, two hundred and three feet of one inch and a quarter of Dutch oak, five hundred feet of inch oak, fifty feet of three quarters of an inch oak, twenty feet three inch deals, three hundred feet of inch elm, four hundred feet of three quarters of an inch elm, two hundred feet of half inch elm, a turning lath wheel, three working benches and screws, four tool chests and carpenters tools, a new gin rope, one well drock standard, head screws and nails." Estimated loss £414. 3. 4. "exclusive of all insurances." Brief dated Feb. 12, 1798.

Twerton Church. A Certificate for a Brief from the Quarter Sessions held at Wells, Somerset, on April 22, 1816, "that the Parish Church of Twerton....is an ancient structure, and in great decay; and that the said Church is become, from the greatly increased population of the said parish, very much too small, being incapable of containing more than one eighth part of the said Population, and that therefore a considerable addition must be made thereto." Estimate of amount required £600 "which sum the inhabitants are not able to raise among themselves, being for the most part Tenants at Rack Rents and Labourers, and greatly burthened with manufacturing poor, and therefore incapable of undertaking so great a work without charitable assistance of well-disposed Christians." Brief dated Dec. 5, 1816.

West Chinnock Fire. On March 10, 1788, "a sudden and terrible fire broke out in....William Donn's Dwelling House at West Chinnock, in the..county of Somerset, whereby his Stock in Trade [that of a "Lincloth Manufacturer"], and the Greatest Part of his Goods and Effects were consumed and destroyed, to the great loss of the said poor sufferer, who is thereby reduced from comfortable circumstances to the greatest difficulty and distress." Estimated loss £500. Brief dated Jan. 23, 1789.

Each of the three Briefs was read in East Budleigh Church, Devon, in 1799, 1818, and 1790, respectively, but on no occasion was anything contributed.

T. N. Brushfield, M.D., Salterton, Devon.

92. HOSPITAL AND BRIDGE MONEY. (V. xxxiv. 60.)—There are entries relating to these payments in the old parish books of Winsford. The *Hospital* money appears to have been the contribution of the parish towards the Hospital at Crocombe near Taunton, 4s. 4d. being the quarterly contribution. This sum was paid by the Churchwardens out of the Church rate.

Bridge money was a yearly payment by the Overseers of the poor out of the poor rate, and appears to have been made to the County Authorities. It was so paid in 1731 when the new bridge over the Exe was built. The entries relating to this bridge are given below, as they seem to show that the parish had not the sole control over the bridge.

"*Goall or Mashel Sea*" money was also paid by the Overseers every year. This appears to have been a fixed payment to the County gaol at Taunton. The entries in the accounts show that several persons were taken to Taunton goal. It was rather an expensive affair as the extract given below shows:—

			s.	d.
1714.	Paid ye Horspitall money ..	..	4	4
1715.	Paid for half years Horspitill	..	8	8
,,	Pd halfe years Horspitill ..	..	8	8
1716.	Pd the whole years Horspitall	..	17	4
1720.	Pd the Horspatel money ..	..	4	4
,,	Pd do. do. ..	..	4	4
,,	Pd ye Hospitel at Crocam (Crocombe)		8	8
1721.	Pd fo 2 quarters Hospitel ..	..	8	8
1714.	Pd John Williams for Bridge and Goall money ..	.. ..	6	8
,,	Pd Bridge and Goall money	..	16	0
,,	Pd the Mashal Sea money ..	..	6	8
,,	Pd the Mashal Sea money ..	..	6	8
1718.	Paid the Gole money ..	..	13	4
1720.	Pd the bridge money ..	..	13	4
1731.	Pd the County bridge money	..	13	4
1732.	Pd the bridge money 6s. 8d. and the goale money £1 ..	.. 1	6	8
1739.	Pd Marshalsea money ..	..	6	8
,,	Pd do. two several times	.. 1	6	8
1748.	Pd the County Stock 4 nobles	.. 1	6	8

1731. Paid Mr. Robert Lyddon ffor costs that stode him, and Expences ffor waiting ye sessions at Taunton towards Bridge End Bridge £1 19. Paid the expenses for ourselves and horses at Bridgewater conserning Winsford Bridge £2. Paid for a Coppey of the inditement 4s. Paid Robert Norman for his labor and hors hier 5s. 6d. Paid Mr. Robert Lyddon for his Trobell 5s. 6d. Paid John Sully the same 5s. 6d. Paid my owne self (Thomas Arnell) the same 5s. 6d. Paid Mr. Webber for his Trobell £1. Paid at Taunton sessions for moving the Court 19s. 6d. Paid the

Counsellers fee 5s. 3d. Paid John Sully 4 days for him and his hors, labour and expences 16s. Paid my own expences as the same 16s. Paid the expences when Mr. Dyke and Mr. Blackford mett to vew the bridge 8s. 3d. Paid Chris. Sully for going to Mr. Carew 2s. 6d. Paid when the parisheners mett to sett the bridge 5s. 6d. Paid the Molton men for there goein and coming 5s. Paid the expences at Dulverton and Exon (Exton) to sine the agreement 2s. 6d. Paid Mr. Webber for drawing the band 5s.

The expenses were thus above £10 besides the cost of building the bridge.

1742. Disbursements laid out for caring Mylton to ye goal.—Paid at Bridge End (Winsford) 8s. 6d. Paid at Netelcom for expences 16s. Paid at Handy Cross foreward and back for our suppers 14s. Paid at Gore End foreward and back 4s. 6d. A horse and keeping 5s. Paid when we delevered him into Prison at Taunton 8s. Paid 5 gardsmen 4s. apiece £1. Mr. Lyddons saddel straps 1s. Paid for beer at another house upon ye road 2s. (a cost of £4 3 0)

1762. Paid for taking up of Mary Parish and caring her to gole £1 1 6. W. DICKER, Winsford.

[Expenses connected with the building, repair and maintenance of County Gaols, were to be defrayed from the County Rate. Among the authorities referred to is 12 Geo. II. c. 29. It was also provided that "the Justices in Easter Sessions shall set down what sums shall be sent out of every County or place corporate for the relief of the poor prisoners of the *King's bench* and *Marshelsea*, so as there be sent out of every county yearly 20s. at the least to each of the said prisons; to be paid by the High Constables out of general County Rate." (Burn's *Justice of the Peace*; 1766, vol. 2, p. 330.) EDITOR FOR DORSET.]

93. MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS IN OTHER COUNTIES RELATING TO SOMERSET AND DORSET. (III. xxiv. 337, IV. xxvii. 88, xxix. 177. xxxi. 253, xxxii, 310.)—In the north aisle of the chancel of Sonning Church, Berks, is a monument which bears the following inscription:—

Memoriæ sacrum. | Dña Anna Clarke, vxor Iohanis Clarke de | Salford, in Comitatv Warwici Baronet^i filia | Iohanis Williams nup de Marnehvll in Co. Dors^t | Armig^ri H.S.E. |

Da lacrymas tvmvlo Lector, sed veras qvales | fvdervnt maritus et frater Iohanes Williams | Baron^s et M. M. P. an^o D'ni, MDCLIIII. |

Marit' hic optat cineres suos jacere. | Vrna ferat violas perpetvumq' vale- | =dixit Mavritivs Williams Eqves Avratvs | defvnctæ Patrvelis. | Obijt j^o Sept. An^o D'ni j653. |

Hoc etiam tvmvlo conditvr D'na Anna Clarke, | secunda vxor Iohannis Clarke Baron^ti filia Leonardi Hooke Ge'n. | Mvltis Illa Bonis flebilis occidit 10mo Dec. 1667. C. H. M.

94. CROWN LEASES, 1787.—"An Account of all the Manors Messuages, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments in the different counties of England and Wales held by lease from the Crown, as contained in the Report of the Commissioners appointed to enquire into the state and condition of the Royal Forests, Woods and Land Revenues, with the names of the Lessees, Dates, and Terms of their Leases, Real Value, Fines, &c. London 1787. Printed by Stafford and Davenport, for S. Hooper.

Page 9. DORSET.

(1) *a. Estate.* The third part of the demesne lands of the Forest of Gillingham, consisting of 4 Farm Houses and about 800 acres.

b. Lessee, The Rev. John Fullarton, Clerk.
c. Date of last lease, 14 Nov., 1774.
d. Term granted, 10 years from 8 June, 1795.
e. Expiration, 8 June, 1805.
f. Yearly value per latest survey, £402 10 0.
g. Fines paid per last lease, £320 0 0.
h. Old Rents, £32 10 0.

(2) *a.* Three portions of Tythes in Bestwell, late parcel of the Monastery of Sheen.

b. Margaret Sampson, spinster, *c.* 25 Oct., 1759. *d.* 30¾ years from 10 Oct., 1759. *e.* 5 July, 1790. *f.* £20. *g.* £200. *h.* 6s. 8d.

(3) *a.* The demesne Lands within the Manor of Portland and a Moiety of a duty of 12d. per Ton for all Stone raised in the said Lands. *b.* John and Richard Tucker, Esqrs. *c.* 2 April, 1773. *d.* 19 years from Michaelmas, 1784. *e.* Michaelmas, 1803. *f.* £96 15 0. *g.* £300. *h.* £10 and £10.

(4) *a.* A Tenement and Ground near the Shambles in the Market Place of the Town of Cern Abbis. *b.* William Fosse, butcher. *c.*—1689. *d.* 31 years from the date. *e.*1720. *f.* Very small. *g.* ——— *h.* 1s. 4d.

(5) *a.* A Stone Quay, Pier and Wharf, in the Waste of the Manor of Portland, and Liberty to draw stone along His Majesty's Road there. *b.* John Arnold Wallinger, and William Fletcher, Merchants. *c.* 21 July, 1773. *d.* 50 years. *e.* 21 July, 1823. *f.* ——— *g.* ——— *h.* 13s. 4d. and 2d. per Ton for all stone drawn as aforesaid.

Page 64. SOMERSET.

a. Divers messuages or burgage tenements in the town of Taunton. *b.* Alexander Popham, Esq. *c.* 28 Nov., 1769. *d.* 36 years from 4 March, 1783. *e.* 4 March, 1819. *f.* About £50. *g.* ——— *h.* £11 15 0. Increased rents and new rents, £14 2 0, commencing from the date of the Lease.

E. A. FRY.

95. Deer Parks in Dorset and Somerset (V. xxxiv. 75.)—In connection with this interesting note it may be mentioned that Vol. v., Part i. of *Historical Collections, co. Stafford* (Wm. Salt Archæological Society) contains an illustration of a Saltatorium or Deer-Leap. It is situated in Wolseley Park, and its object is stated to be to allow deer to leap into the park from the chase and to prevent their return. For this purpose a trench is dug out on the inner side of the park-paling about 9 feet wide and 4 feet deep, the park-paling being lowered at the same spot.

F.W.W.

96. Templecombe Register; Dackombe Family (V. xxxiv. 77).—Having had occasion to look into the pedigree of the Dackomb family, I think "J.B." has fallen into a slight mistake with regard to John Dackombe and Ann Hartgill, and has confounded him with another of the same name.

The will of Sir John Dackombe, Knight, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, is given in Brown's "*Somersetshire Wills*," vi. 75. It is dated 21 Jan., and proved 23 Feb., 1617-18 [*Meade*, 19]. He mentions therein "my daughter Dorothy," also his wife but not by name. The will following this is that of his daughter Dorothy Dackombe, "of Edmonton, co. Middlesex," and is dated 6 April and proved 1 May, 1618 [*Meade*, 38]. In it she desires "to be buried at Temple Combe, Somerset, near my father; my my mother Melior Dackombe." Her request was carried out, as appears from the extract from the Register given at the above reference in *S. & D. N. & Q.*

This establishes the fact that Sir John Dackombe wife's name was Melior and her will is also given by Brown (V. 76) as "widow of Sir John Dacombe, Knt.," and is dated 8 July, 1644, and proved 16 Jan., 1645-1646 [*Twisse*, 4]. Whose daughter she was I do not know.

The John Dackombe who married Ann, daughter of William Hartgill, died some years earlier. He was of Ewern Stepleton, and his will, also given by Brown, V. 74, is dated 16 Dec., 1571, and proved 24 March, 1571-72 [*Draper* 9]. He desires "to be buried at Ewerne Stepleton in my grandfather's tomb. My wife Ann."

The will of Ann Dackombe his widow, of Stepleton, is dated 16 Jan. and proved 11 Feb., 1585-86 [*Windsor*, 11]. There is no mention in either of these two wills of a daughter Dorothy.

To sum up, the Sir John Dackombe who was buried at Templecombe 3 Feb., 1617, was not the same man as John Dackombe of Ewern Stepleton who married Ann Hartgill, the latter having died some 45 years previously. That there was some connection, though not direct, between the two is probable enough, but it has not yet been clearly established, and a full pedigree of all the Dorset and Somerset Dackombes is much to be desired. I should be very glad to hear from any one who has investigated the matter.

E. A. Fry, Birmingham.

97. ALFORD FAMILY OF CO. SOMERSET (V. xxxiii. 26, xxxiv. 47, 48.)—There is a short pedigree of Alford in that of Gigger in Hutchins's *History of Dorset* (3rd Edition) I. p. 122, which may have been over-looked as it is not indexed.

Also I have a short note of a Will of Robert Alford, 5 Oct. 13 Chas. II. (1661,) (*Mico*, 115) of Witham, co. Som., clothier. To Philippa Fry £3. Witness Philippa Fry. Proved, London, 7 July, 1666, by John Alford, son.

There are also several Wills and references to Alfords in Rev. F. Brown's printed collections of *Somersetshire Wills*, probably already known to Mr. J. W. Alvord.

E. A. FRY.

98. TWO SOMERSET WORTHIES, FATHER AND SON (IV. xxxi. 247, xxxii. 285, V. xxxiii. 10, xxxiv. 46.)—Mr. Jewers has kindly sent me the following note correcting my use of the word *quartered*, and supplying a few additions as to the Arms of Dodington. I ought to have said "*impaling* Rookes."

The Arms are "*Dodington*, Three hunting horns stringed, a crescent for the difference of a second son, impaling *Rookes*, A fess fleury counter fleury between three rooks. Crest. On a mount a hind couchant regardant." On the monument the head of the hind is incorrectly towards the sinister.

JAMES COLEMAN.

99. A FORM FOR PARISH REGISTERS, 1781 (III. xx. 169.)—This form of Register book was used at Penselwood, Somerset, between the years 1800-1812. For a description of it, see *S. & D. N. & Q.*, vol. III., p. 157.

E.H.B.

100. CERNE ABBAS, DORSET.—What is the meaning of the word Cerne, and from what is it derived?

Can it be found in any other work besides Murray's *Travels* used as a common noun as an equivalent for surrounding?

Is this use of 'cerne' a hunting term?

Does this use of the word throw any light on its meaning as a place-name?

Extract from *Travels in North America* during the years 1834, 1835 and 1836, Vol. I., p. 336, by Hon. Sir Charles Augustus Murray, K.C.B.:

"A 'cerne' or 'surround' in this part of the wilderness, requires a great deal of arrangement to render it successful ....the Indians have much less sagacity in this method of hunting than white men."

C.

101. THICK FAMILY.—In parts of Somersetshire the name Thick or Thicke is quite common. Some years ago it was even more common than now. Can any of your readers give any information as to the origin of this surname, a matter of great interest to the present writer? In 1578, the Rev. Barnabas Thicke was Rector of Blackford, Somerset, and signed the Articles of Subscription. This is the earliest record of the name. But in 1327 the name of Will le Thikke occurs in an Exchequer Lay Subsidy, Parish of Wanstrow, Somerset. Are the names connected? And is the name connected with the surname of Dethick?

I would be grateful for any information on the subject.

Vicar, COOKHAM DEAN, Berks.

102. DAVIDGE FAMILY OF SOMERSET.—Burke gives their bearings (Arms; Gules on a fesse wavy, between three lions passant argent as many crosses pattée of the field. Crest; A demi lion argent gorged with a collar gules charged with three lions passant of the first), but adds nothing more. In what part of the county were they seated? Where can I find an account of them?

P. S. P. CONNER, Octorara, Rowlandsville, Maryland.

103. PLACES IN STOKE SAINT GREGORY.—From that most valuable work—Kelly's *Somerset Directory*—I find places with the following names are in the said parish of Stoke; to wit, Mare green, Huntham, High Huntham, Woodhill, Burroughbridge, Sedgemoor, Stathe, Stathe court, Churley, Dykes, Sturt's farm, Slough, Walker's farm, Curry Load farm, Parsonage farm, Frog lane, Woodhouse farm, Turkey.

Have any of these places old halls, or their remains, and were any manors, subinfeudations of the capital manor of Stoke, now held, I believe, by the Dean and Chapter of Wells?

P. S. P. CONNER, Octorara, Rowlandsville, Maryland.

104. METRICAL GRACE (IV. xxix. 186, xxx. 224, 225, xxxi. 261, 262, xxxii. 303, 304, V. xxxiii. 20, xxxiv. 66.)—In John Cennick's *Sacred Hymns for the Children of God, in the Days of their Pilgrimage* (London, 1741), this Grace is printed as follows:—

HYMN CXXX.

Before MEAT.

Be present at our Table, LORD;
Be Here and Ev'ry Where ador'd;
Thy Creatures bless, and grant that we
May feast in PARADISE with Thee.

In his preface Cennick says, "As I was taught, so I kept

constant to daily Prayers at St. Laurence's Church, Reading (the town of my nativity), till I was about 15." In 1739, when 21, he became acquainted with John Wesley, who, in the following year, appointed him a teacher of a school for colliers' children at Kingswood, near Bristol, a situation he held when his volume of *Hymns*, containing the Grace, was published. At this time Dr. S. Stennett, the reputed author of the Grace, was 14 years of age.

WILLIAM GEORGE.

105. VISITATION OF SOMERSET IN 1672.—I believe such a Visitation was made by the Heralds, as is stated above; but it is not mentioned in any of the published lists of Visitations that I have seen. Why is this?

I am told that the original MS. is in the College of Arms, London, and I believe this information is correct, for I have a pedigree (Powell of Wilton) copied from it.

I should like to have some particulars in regard to this Visitation. They would be valuable to others also, for I think the existence of the MS. is not generally known.

P. S. P. CONNER, Octorara, Rowlandsville, Maryland.

106. SEVERALS.—Can anyone give me information regarding the owners of the estate of Severals in Crewkerne? It belonged at the commencement of the last century to Robert Webb, Receiver-General of the County, whose family had owned it many generations. He had three daughters (by his w. . . . eld. dau. and co. h. of . . Whittington, who escaped from Ireland at the rebellion, and whose other two daughters married . . . Madgewick of Poole, and . . . Jolliffe of Poole), the third one Grace married Sir Wm. Chapple; Mary (2nd) mar. Joseph Butler of Martock, clothier (mar. lic. 12 May, 1723); Hannah eld. dau. Matthew Colmer of Drimpton. Joseph and Mary Butler had Hannah, Mary married . . . Parsons; . . . married . . . Bidwell; a son d. unm. The eldest dau. Hannah married William Stockdale of . . , and had issue Nathaniel Stockdale of Drimpton, who had a dau. married first Capt. . . . Young and secondly Capt. Cooper, nephew of Lady Miltown, and another dau. mar. to Joseph Lewis Davies and had three daughters who all died without issue, the last being Hannah Charlotte, widow of Admiral William Luckraft, who died 5 Aug., 1886, and by her will left Severals (which is here stated to have been for five hundred years in her family) to her nephew, John Edmund Davies, son of her brother, Peregrine Davies.

A. J. JEWERS.

107. WIMBORNE MINSTER COURT ROLL.—The following is a copy of a Court Roll of this town, 15 Edw. IV, 1475, from the original, in the possession of Mr. Walter Fletcher of the Chantry, Wimborne.

WYMBORN' BURGUS.
CURIA LEGALIS TERMINI MICHAELIS CUM VISU FRANCIPLEGII TENTA IBIDEM XXIIJo DIE OCTOBRIS ANNO REGNI REGIS EDWARDI QUARTI XVo.

MISERICORDIE xvjd. Balliui Burgi ibidem veniunt et presentant quod Thomas Husee liber sectator ad hunc diem facit sectam suam, &c. Et quod Johannes (iij d.) Basket j brasiavit et fregit assisam Ideo ipse in misericordia. Et quod Laurencius (iij d.) Pypur insultum fecit super Radulphum Taille[r] cum j custello contra pacem domini Regis. I'o ip'e in mi'a. Et quod Willielmus (iij d.) Baker et Petrus (iij d.) Sopley iniuste occupaverunt communam domini infra burgum predictum eum equis et auerijs suis ibidem vbi de iure non haberent. I'o ip'i in mi'a. Et quia predicti balliui (iij d) non protulerunt omnes mensuras ibidem ad hunc diem. I'o ip'i in mi'a.

JURATI IN ASSISAM. Johannes Bertlot, Willielmus Tanner, Giles German, Petrus Bouchur et Willielmus Rogers de nouo Jurati sunt in Assisam domini Regis de eorum bona gestura.

PRINCIPIUM PLACITI. Johannes Ripes queritur versus Johannem (pro lic. con.) Basket de placito transgressionis. Idem Johannes queritur versus Petrum (pro lic. con.) Sopley de placito transgressionis. Et attachiantur citra proximam.

XIJci'. Robertus Cammell, Robertus Cosyn, Johannes Mayne, Johannes Archer, Simon Vike, Willielmus Neruyte, Nicholaus Loder, Petrus Glouer, Johannes Stacy, Ricardus Roule, Stephanus Tyb, Nicholaus Page, Jurati.

VEREDICTUM. Duodecim Jurati supradicti veniunt et affirmant omnia et singula superius presentata esse vera. Et ulterius dicunt quod omnia bene.

DISTRINGUNT, MISERICORDIA iij d. Rogerus (iii d.) Palmer in misericordia quia non habet Johannem Ludde ad respondendum balliuis Burgi ibidem de placito debiti. Et distringunt.

DISTRINGUNT. Adhuc distringunt Johannem Sauage et Johannem Phillip ad faciendam domino fidelitatem pro terris et tenementis que tenent de domino ibidem citra proximam.

PRECEPTUM EST. Adhuc preceptum est omnibus vitulariis qui volunt uti mercatum infra burgum predictum vtent' quolibet die lune per annum vt ab antiquo vsitatum fuit sub pena xx s.

Attachiamentum per corpora. Adhuc attachiant per corpora Johannem Neruyte et Johannem (mort. est.) Tuayn ad respondendum domino de diuersis articulis super ipsos presentatis vt in precedente patet citra proximam.

Electio ballivorum. Et elegerunt Johannem Ripes et Thomam Husee in officium ballivorum Burgi ibidem qui Jurati sunt ad idem pro anno instante fideliter exequendum.

AFFERATORES Robertus Cosyn, Johannes Mayne } Jurati.
Pro SUMMA xviijd.

WYMBORN' BURGUS.
CURIA TENTA IBIDEM XXVJto DIE FEBRUARIJ ANNO REGNI REGIS EDWARDI IIIJti XVo.

MISERICORDIA iij d. Balliui Burgi ibidem veniunt et presentant quod Symon (iij d.) Vyke j brasiavit et fregit assisiam. I'o ip'e in m'ia.

PRINCIPIUM PLACITI. Johannes Ripes queritur versus Petrum (att. p. lic.) Bouchur de placito transgressionis.

MISERICORDIE vj d. Johannes (iij d.) Basket in misericordia pro licentia concordandi cum Johanne Rypes de placito transgressionis.

Petrus (iij d.) Sopley in misericordia pro licentia concordandi cum Johanne Ripes de placito trangressionis.

DISTRINGUNT, MISERICORDIA iij d. Rogerus (iij d.) Palmer in misericordia quia non habet Johannem Ludde ad respondendum balliuis Burgi ibidem de placito debiti. Et distringunt.

DISTRINGUNT. Adhuc distringunt Johannem Sauage ac Johannem Phillip ad faciendum domino fidelitatem pro terris et tenementis que tenent de domino ibidem citra proximam.

PRECEPTUM EST. Adhuc preceptum est omnibus vitulariis qui volunt vti mercatum infra burgum predictum [vtent'] quolibet die lune per annum vt ab antiquo vsitatum fuit sub pena xx s. Attachiamentum per corpus. Adhuc Attachiant per corpus Johannem Neruyte ad respondendum domino de diversis articulis super ipsum presentatis vt in precedente patet citra proximam.

Pro SUMMA xij d.

WYMBORN' BURGUS.

CURIA LEGALIS TERMINI HOKK CUM VISU FRANCIPLEGII TENTA IBIDEM XXIJo DIE APRILIS ANNO REGNI REGIS EDWARDI IIIJ ti XVJo.

MISERICORDIE. ijs. ixd. Balliui Burgi ibidem veniunt Et presentant quod Robertus (iij d.) Cosyn adhunc diem facit defectum. Et quod Nicholaus (iij d.) Loder j Simon (iij d.) Vike j et Petrus (iij d.) Bouchur j brasiaverunt et fregerunt assisam, I'o ip'i in m'ia. Et quod Petrus (iij d.) Bouchur communis carnifex excessiue cepit lucrum in venditione carnium suarum ibidem, I'o ip'e in m'ia. Et quod Johannes (xij d.) Ripes iniuste prostravit vj vlmos in diuersis clausis Domine Regine et illas inde avcar'(?) Sine licencia, I'o ip'e in m'ia. Et quod Radulphus (iij d.) Karlys insultum fecit super Ricardum Broun cum daggaro contra pacem Domini Regis, I'o ip'e in m'ia. Et quia (iij d.) non protulerunt mensuras ibidem hic ad hunc diem, I'o ip'i in m'ia.

XIJci'. Willielmus Parrok, Petrus Glouer, Robertus Conyng, Willielmus Neruyte, Johannes Stacy, Johannes Mayne, Simon Vyke, Johannes Basket, Stephenus Tybbe, Nicholaus Loder, Johannes Bertlot, Ricardus Loder, Jurati.

VEREDICTUM. Duodecim Jurati supradicti veniunt Et affirmant omnia et singula superius presentata esse vera Et vlterius dicunt omnia bene.

ATTACHIAMENTUM. Attachiant Petrum (pro lic. con.) Bouchur ad respondendum Johanni Rypes de placito transgressionis.

DISTRINGUNT, MISERICORDIA. iij d. Adhuc Rogerus (iij d.) Palmer in misericordia quia non habet Johannem Ludde ad respondendum balliuis ibidem de placito debiti. Et distringunt.

DISTRINGUNT. Adhuc distringunt Johannem Sauage et Johannem Phillip ad faciendam Domino fidelitatem pro terris et tenementis que tenent ibidem citra proximam.

PRECEPTUM EST. Adhuc preceptum est omnibus vitulariis qui volunt vti mercatum infra burgum predictum vtent' quolibet die lune per annum vt ab antiquo vsitatum fuit sub pena xx s.

ATTACHIAMENTUM PER CORPUS. Adhuc attachiant per corpus Johannem Neruyte ad respondendum Domino de diuersis articulis super ipsum presentatis vt in precedente patet citra proximam.

De Tenementis et terris remanentibus in manu Domine patet per Rotulum inde huic Curie Annexum.

AFFERATORES Willielmus Parrok, Petrus Glouer } Jurati.

Pro SUMMA .. .. .. iij s.

WYMBORN' BURGUS.

CURIA TENTA IBIDEM IXmo DIE AUGUSTI ANNO REGNI REGIS EDWARDI IIIJti XVJmo.

Balliui Burgi ibidem veniunt et presentant omnia bene se habent ad hunc diem.

MISERICORDIA. iij d. Petrus (iij d.) Bonchur in misericordia pro licencia concordandi cum Johanne Rypes de placito transgressionis.

DISTRINGUNT, MISERICORDIA. iij d. Adhuc Rogerus (iij d.) Palmer in misericordia quia non habet Johannem Ludde ad respondendum balliuis burgi ibidem de placito debiti. Et distringunt.

DISTRINGUNT. Adhuc distringunt Johannem Sauage et Johannem Phillip ad faciendam Domino fidelitatem pro terris et tenementis que tenent de Domina infra burgum ibidem citra proximam.

PRECEPTUM EST. Adhuc preceptam est omnibus vitulariis qui volunt vtī mercatum infra burgum predictum vtent' quolibet die lune per annum vt ab antiquo vsitatum fuit. sub pena xx s.

ATTACHIAMENTUM PER CORPUS. Adhuc attachiant per corpus Johannem Neruyte ad respondendum Domino de diuersis articulis super ipsum presentatis vt in precedente patet citra proximam.

REMANENT. Adhuc j burgagium nuper Roberti Derby per redditum antiquum xij d. modo die pro iiij d. Et j toftum burgagii quondam Thome Corston per redditum antiquum oboli. Et j burgagium quondam Alicie Smyth per redditum antiquum xiij d. modo die pro vj d. Et j croftum et j burgagium nuper Johannis Hynton per redditum antiquum v s. viij d. modo die Johannis Ripes pro xl d. Et j burgagium et dimidium quondam Johnannis Lake et Antea Willielmi Smyth per redditum antiquum xviij d. Et j burgagium nuper Roberti Goby per redditum antiquum vij d. Et j burgagium nuper Johannis Baron per redditum antiquum xij d. modo die Johanni Sauage pro vj d. Et j parcella prati, nuper Willielmi Anketill per redditum antiquum xx d. modo concessa Johanni Stacy per Curiam pro xij d. Et dimidium burgagii nuper Roberti Thomys per redditum antiquum vj d. Et j gardinum nuper Johannis Raule per redditum antiquum vj d. Et dimidium burgagij quondam Johannis Snygger per redditum antiquum vj d. Et dimidium burgagij nuper Thome Frye per redditum Antiquum vj d. [These two last entries are lightly crossed out, but are quite legible.] Et j burgagium quondam Willielmi Taillor et postea Johannis Storke per redditum antiquum vj s. modo die Johannis Ripes pro iiji s. iiij d. Et j burgagium nuper Johannis Coke per redditum antiquum xvj d. Et j tenementum nuper Johannis Croke per redditum antiquum vj s. [The r in Croke is inserted in another ink.] Et shamella que nuper fuerunt ibidem quondam reddentia per annum vj s. viij d. omnia remanent in manu Domini, Vnde balliui predicti habent redditus de exitibus eorundem. [In another hand is added, Et iiij tenementi nuper J. Wiseman per redditum vj s. viij d. Et j croftum tentum per Robertum Raule per redditum xv d. Et j burgagium nuper Hugonis Aleyn per redditum xiij d. Et

ij burgagia nuper Alicie Edithe Samford et postea Alicie Hill per redditum xviij d. Et j burgagium per J. Barbur pro ijs.]

Pro SUMMA vj d.

[In a second hand. Memorandum ad inquirendum de j messuagio nuper (Alicie Vady crossed out) Johannis Croke filie et heredis Felicie Vady per redditum vj s. viij d. per annum.]

Pro SUMMA TOTALI ISTORUM VISUUM ET IJ CURIARUM PRECEDENTIUM VJ s.

108. SYNGES IN BRISTOL.—I apprehend that there were Synges resident in the above named city in the 18th century and, possibly, in the 17th. A Philip *Syng*, goldsmith, whose second wife was a Murdock, was certainly there in 1714, but for how long a time is uncertain. In 1800, it seems, an Elizabeth *Synge*, spinster, died at Clifton. (1) To which branch of the family did these persons belong? (2) In the Bristol District Probate Registry are there any entries of Synge wills? (3) Does the name appear in any of the Parish Registers?

P. S. P. CONNER, Octorara, Rowlandsville, Maryland, U.S.A.

109. THE WILLS OF TWO SOMERSET PRIESTS proved in the Archidiaconal Court at Taunton.—In the first book of Collated Wills, folio 92, appears the nuncupative Will of Sir John Harvie, priest. I have been unable to find out anything about him, but think it probable that he may have been one of the chantry priests of the parish church of Taunton St. Mary Magdalene.

"Tanton. In dei ñoie amen Ao. Dni 1540, xxto. die Januarij I sir John harvie prist sore sicke taken wt the palseye in iij Daye lakyng speche and vse of reason and know no ma[n] nor woman and after this space thanks be to God I did know and p'ceave soch freinds as come to comfort me amongs whiche the vicar of mawdelyn saide to me in this manner sir John harvye if God send for yow that yow Dye be yow contented that Edmund James yor cowson being here present shalbe yor executor and to have yor goods to dispose hit for the welthe of yor sowle yf yow canot speke hold vp yor hande to me as a signe that yow be so willinge And Instantlie he Dyd hold vp his hand too or thre tymes being present Mr. Willm Bery vicar sir willm harvye sir Alexander magot pstes Willm at yeat Elizabeth Wilkyns wt others."

Sir Alexander Magot, Magote, Maggott, or Maget, one of the attesting witnesses to this Will, was a chantry priest of Swynges Chantry in the parish church of Taunton St. Mary Magdalene in the year 1548, being at that time fifty-four years of age. (See Green's *Somerset Chantries*, Somerset Record Society, Vol. 2). In the year 1554 he was appointed Vicar of Ile Brewers (see

Weaver's *Somerset Incumbents*) and in the year 1558 he made his will of which the following is a copy:—"Ilebruers T. Alexandri magote. In the name of God Amen the xxij day of maye yn the yere of or lorde god 1558 I Alexander magote hole of mynde and perfecte of memorie make my testament and last will after this man' folowing ffyrste I gyue and bequethe my sowle vnto Almightie God and will my bodye to be buried yn the chauncell of allhallen yn Ilebruers It'm I gyue to the cathedrall churche of Wells xijd. It'm to the Churche of Ilbruers a payre of vestments color redde and grene It'm I gyue to or ladye Aulter ij fronts of sylke withe Curtaynes It'm I gyue to the Churche of marye magdalyn yn Taunton a payre of vestments of rede sylke Item I gyue a payre of vestements of blue wusterd to the Churche of sainte James yn Taunton It'm I gyue a lytle masse booke to the Churche of Exmowthe It'm I gyue to the Churche of Swell a masse booke It'm I gyue to Christofer Bowrman my foldinge borde It'm I gyue to Peter Stone a feather bedd and a payre of Blanketts wth a bolster It'm I gyue to sr John ffrancke my coverled a fether bolster and a pillowe and my laten Byble It'm I gyue to Roberte Chieke my fryese gowne And to Sir John ffrancke my best gowne and a surples It'm to Cole of ffyfet I give xijd. It'm I gyue to Agnes paule a flockebed a blanket and an olde coverlett It'm I gyue to my goddowghter of Exmowthe xijd. And to my godson Alexander Jerma[n] xijd. Itm to margarett Tucker a shorte gowne And to James bowrman my dap borde clothe It'm I gyue to the vycar of ffyffett iijs. iiijd. I wyll that Mr. Christopher Bowrma'[n] and George Stone shalbe my oversears to se this my last will fulfylled and pformed the resydue of my goods not bequethed I gyue and bequethe to Johan whittynge whom I make my true and lawfull executrixe to bestowe yt for the welthe of my sowle as she shall se good wytnesses of this mr. Richarde Lucas vicar of ffyfett xpofer Bowrma' and Roberte Chycke Probatu' ibm̃ tertio die mens Junij Ao dni' 1558." Folios 95-96 (Collated Wills).

A William Bowrman, generosus, was patron of the living of Ile Brewers in the year 1554 (Weaver's *Somerset Incumbents*). He probably belonged to the family of Bowerman of Culme David in the parish of Hemyock, Devon. Fyfett mentioned in this last will is another form of spelling for Fivehead. A Roger Magot was incumbent of Blagdon in the year 1353 (see *Somerset Incumbents*).

ALFRED JAS. MONDAY.

110. LENT CROCKING. (V. xxxiii. 21.)—The custom of "*Lent Crocking*" mentioned by your correspondent R. as obtaining in the neighbourhood of Dartmoor during Lent is no doubt the same as that which formerly prevailed in Dorset at Shrovetide, when young people went about with potsherds to throw at

people's doors in case they met with no response to their cry of "Gie us some pancake"!

F. C. H. (the late Dr. Husenbeth) sent a contribution on this subject to *Notes and Queries* (4th series ix.) to which I added another (p. 208). Chambers in his *Book of Days*, describes it under the name of "Lent Crocking."

That it has not fallen into disuse quite so much as your correspondent's informant would suggest (at least as far as Dorset is concerned) may be gathered from the fact that some few years ago an account appeared in the *Bridport News* (unfortunately I do not seem to have noted the date) in which two young women were summoned by a widow woman living at Allweston for wilfully injuring her door to the extent of 8 shillings by throwing "pan-shards" against it.

The prevalence of such a custom found no sufficient answer to such a charge in the opinion of the hard-hearted bench of magistrates, and the defendants were sentenced to pay a fine of 6s. each, as well as the damage claimed, which, threatened with a week's imprisonment in default, the delinquents eventually paid.

I am much afraid that under the influence of the modern School Boards such old-fashioned amusements as the Shrove-tide customs of cock-fighting, cock-squailing and Lent-crocking, if not already defunct, will soon become things of the past.

J. S. UDAL, Fiji.

111. JAMES SMITH OF GREAT TORRINGTON, DEVON, AND ST. AUDRIES, SOMERSET. (IV. xxviii. 156).—Our correspondent, Mr. Dominick Browne, of Christchurch, New Zealand, asks us to repeat his query as to the origin of a family of James Smiths, who lived at Great Torrington about 1650.

James Smith, of Torrington, born 1681, son of another James, gent., became Gentleman Commoner of Exeter College in 1698, and was subsequently M.P. for Taunton 1716 and 1732. Mr. Browne asks whether this family has the same origin as Sir W. Smith-Marriott of Dorset?

EDITOR FOR DORSET.

112. ST. MARY'S BATHWICK.—Subsequent Rectors to those enumerated in Weaver's *Somerset Incumbents*, are as follows:

1749. Peter Grigg, B.A.
1805. Peter Gunning, M.A.
1841. Harry Mengden Scarth, M.A.
1871. George Tugwell, M.A.

G. S. HENNING.

113. HALSTOCK, DORSET.—The following variations in the spelling of the name of this parish, 17 in number, as found in early documents, were collected by the late Rev. R. F. Meredith, while Incumbent of the Parish (1843—1893). See *The Times*, 18 Sept., 1884.

Alverstoke,	Alganstoc,
Halganstoke,	Halgastoc,
Halthestoke,	Halichestoke,
Halghestoke,	Halgerstoke,
Halwestoke,	Halwestok,
Algarstoke,	Halwestoke,
Halstoke,	Halgstocke,
Halgestoke,	Halwestock,
Halgestok.	

The probable derivation is Halig stoc, a holy place or wood.

W. E. P.

114. WYATT, TUCKER, COXE.—At Ilminster, Mr. Wyatt of Broadway, a blind gentleman, aged 82, to Miss Tucker of Ilminster, aged 20.

At Stow, in Gloucestershire, Hippisley Coxe, Esq., M.P. for the county of Somerset. (*Aris's Birmingham Gazette*, *August* 10, 1795.)

W. MACMILLAN.

NOTICES OF BOOKS.

115. A SHORT HISTORY OF SHERBORNE from 705 A.D. By W. B. Wildman, M.A., Assistant Master in Sherborne School, 1896. Sherborne: Published by F. Bennett, Bookseller. [All rights reserved]. Pp. [8] 114, crown 8vo. Price, large paper, 8s. 6d., small paper 1s. 6d., unbound 1s.

Mr. Wildman is to be congratulated on having produced a delightfully handy little volume, treating of the history of Sherborne, and the town is still more to be congratulated on having met with so capable and accurate an historian. In some 114 pages our Author deals succinctly with the Town, the Abbey, the School, the Castles old and new, and the Hospital of the two SS. John, treating of the vicissitudes of their careers, their past and present glories, the beauties of their buildings, and the halo of renown which crowns them. Careful lists are given of Sherborne Bishops, Abbots, Parish Priests and Pedagogues; and most useful ground plans are provided of the Abbey and School before 1539 and again in 1896, and of the Castle mounds and ruins. No small share of the work is naturally devoted to the story of the School, which is treated from its foundation, or rather re-foundation in

1550 to the present day. The book will thus undoubtedly appeal not only to inhabitants of the town and neighbourhood, and to dwellers throughout the county, but also to all who look to Sherborne as the gentle instructress of their early years.

It is unnecessary here to enter into details, with which the brief space at our disposal allows us no opportunity to deal, but we cordially recommend Mr. Wildman's book to the attention of our readers, as a garner in which are stored innumerable grains of winnowed corn, or a garment woven of honest threads by a skilful workman's hands.

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116. COUNTY RECORDS OF THE SURNAMES OF FRANCUS, FRANCEIS, FRENCH, IN ENGLAND A.D. 1100-1350 by A. D. Weld French, 8vo., pp. xii.+594, Boston, Mass. Privately printed 1896.

This is a handsome book of which only 525 copies have been printed. The different counties are divided into their several hundreds, and items relating to the name of French, &c., are given under each Hundred. As an example of the interesting notes in which the book abounds we give one item relating to Somerset and one to Dorset.

SOMERSET—CANNINGTON HUNDRED—STOKE-COURCY.

Probably 12th century—Grant by Nicholas Poher to St. Andrew of Stoke (Courcy), and the monks thereof, of land in Middleton.

Witnesses. William Poher, Joan, the mother of Nicholas, Fulk, the son of Richard Francus, Ralph the clerk who wrote the charter and others.

DORSET—HASLER HUNDRED—TYNEHAM.

A.D. 1340-1. Willielmus le Frensch and ten others, parishioners of this parish, were jurors at the valuation of the ninth; and they said that the Church was taxed at 106s. 8d. and that the ninth part of sheaves, wool and lambs was worth 72s. 4d. per annum.

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117. GENEALOGICAL QUERIES AND MEMORANDA. Vol. I. No. 2. By G. F. T. Sherwood, 99 Angel Road, Brixton, S.W.

The second number of this useful Periodical has just come to hand, containing a goodly number of Queries. The Editor states that "Correspondents will be interested to know that the number of replies received to the inquiries in Part I. is very encouraging."

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MONTACUTE PRIORY, SOMERSET.

118. MONTACUTE PRIORY.—The accompanying illustration, for which we offer our thanks to Mr. Cloudesly D'Aeth, gives a good view of the Gateway and entrance to Montacute Priory. Montacute was the only Cluniac House in Somerset, and was founded in 1102 by William, Count of Mortain, son of Robert, Count of Mortain, who was half-brother of the Conqueror. Before 1414, when the Alien Priories were suppressed, Montacute had (in 1407) become denizen by renouncing its allegiance to Cluny; so it was allowed to go on till the general suppression in 1539. A good account of the Priory is given in the 8th volume of the *Somerset Record Society*. F.W.W.

119. SOMERSET INSTITUTIONS.—Amongst the Registers belonging to the Cathedral Church of Canterbury are certain volumes which contain the record of the acts of the Prior and Chapter during vacancies in the Archiepiscopal See. During such vacancies the Prior and Chapter claimed and exercised all the rights of the Archbishop, including the administration of any other Sees which might happen to fall vacant between the death of one Archbishop and the election of his successor. Register F. contains these *Acta* during the vacancy caused by the death of Archbishop Deane in 1503, and as during that period the Bishop of Bath and Wells, Oliver King, also died, a small portion is taken up with an account of the proceedings in that diocese between September, 1503, and January, 1503-4.

The following extracts from this portion of the Register will be of interest to Somersetshire antiquaries. L.L.D.

Register F. Christ Church, Canterbury.

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folio 279ª VACACIO Sedis Episcopalis Bathon. et Wellen. per obitum bone memorie Oliueri Kyng nuper Episcopi ibidem videlicet a [*blank*] die mensis Septembris Anno Domini Millesimo Quingentesimo tercio vsque ad vicesimum quartum diem mensis Januarii extunc proxime sequentem, Sede etiam Archiepiscopali Cantuarien. adtunc per mortem recolende memorie domini Henrici, permissione diuina nuper dicte sedis Archiepiscopi, etiam vacante.

Here follow the usual Commissions to Commissaries, &c.

fol. 282ª Progressus visitacionis Diocesis Bathon. et Wellen. sedibus Archiepiscopali Cantuarien. et Episcopali Bathon. et Wellen. vacante.

Here follows a list of places, deaneries, &c., visited.

fol. 283ª Institutiones beneficiorum.

24 Sept. 1503 Mag. Wm Wason, dec. bacc. ad eccl. paroch. de Strete et Walton B. & W. dioc. per lib. resig.

Mag^ri Will^i Wylton ult. rectoris. Ric., Abb. Mon. Glaston. et Con. patr.

24 Sept. 1503, Mag. Joh. Vaughan leg. doct. ad eccl. paroch. de Merkesbury B. & W. dioc. per lib. resig. Mag. Will^i Wason ult. rectoris. Abb. & Con. Glaston. patron.

26 Sept. 1503. Dns. Steph. Clerk, canon. ordinis S^ci August. ad Prioratum de Burcle alias Spraulesmede. B. & W. dioc. per mortem dni Will. Batcok vlt. prioris. Abb. & Con. Glaston. patr.

7 Oct. 1503. Mag. Thom. Bowdon dec. doctor ad vic. perpet. ecclesie parochialis de S^ci Andree de Bannewell B. & W. dioc. per liberam resignationem Magistri Roberti Ayshecum vltimi rectoris. Patr. P. & C. de Bruton B. & W. dioc.

20 Oct. 1503. Dns. Joh. Coxdon Capell. ad cantariam perpetuam de Weke, B. & W. dioc. per mortem domini Roberti Pryde vltimi capellani. Patr. Amis. Paulet miles.

fol. 283^b 22 Oct. 1503. Dns. Robertus Baker capellanus ad ecclesiam parochialem de Est cantokeshed B. & W. dioc. per lib. resig. domini Johannis Sparowe vlt. rectoris. Patr. Hugon. Loterell mil.

26 Oct. 1503, Dns. Johannes Wysse capellanus ad ecclesiam parochialem de Wyrlington per liberam resignationem Dni. Mauricii Sehan ult. rectoris.

8 Nov. 1503. Dns. Thom. Gyllingham capell. ad eccl. paroch. de Wroxale, B. & W. dioc. per lib. resig. Mag. Thome Austell vlt. rect. Edmund Gorge mil. patr.

10 Nov. 1503. Dns. Robert. Balche capell. ad vic. perpet. eccl. paroch. S^ci Johannis Baptiste de Paulet B. & W. dioc. per lib. resig. domini Joh^s Cuttler vlt. vic. Abb. & Con. Mon. S^i August. iuxta Bristolliam Patr.

15 Nov. 1503. Dns. Thom. Berkley presb. ad eccl. paroch. S Andree de Holcomb. B. & W. dioc. per lib. resig. domini Johannis Hampton vlt. rectoris. Abb. & Con. Mon. de Keynesham B. & W. dioc. patr.

fol. 284^a COMPOTUS. Account of monies received for various fees, &c.

Recepta pro institutionibus Beneficiorum

De Magro. Johanne Vaughan Rectore de Merkesbury .. .. .. vj^s viij^d
,, D^no W^o Clerk priore de Burcle .. vj^s viij^d
,, D^no Thoma Prower rectore de Pendumer vj^s viij^d
,, D^no Johanne Wysse rectore de Wyrlington vj^s viij^d
,, D^no Thoma Berkley rectore de Holcombe vj^s viij^d
,, D^no W^o Wason rectore de Strete et Walton vj^s viij^d

De Dno Johanne Coxdon capellano Cantarie de Weke .. .. .. vjs viijd
,, Dno Roberto Baker rectore de Estcantokyshede .. .. .. vjs viijd
,, Dno Thome Gyllingham rectore de Wroxale vjs viijd
,, Dno Roberto Balche, rectore de Paulet.. vjs viijd

Dimissiones testamentorum tempore huiusmodi Visitationis facte.

Pro fine testamenti Johannis Coks .. .. xiijs iiijd
,, Thome Edwarde de Bristollia .. xlvjs viijd
,, Johanne Stone de Taunton vidue xs
,, Johanne Tryppe de Taunton vidue xs
,, Rogerie Molyns de Wylliscombe xiijs iiijd
,, Domini Roberti Pryde capellani.. vjs viijd
,, Johannis Cole .. .. vjs viijd
,, Reginaldi Hody generosi .. xs
,, Willi Elyer de Greynton .. xvjs

fol. 284b Denarii Sci Petri in Diocesi Bathon. et Wellen.

Sma xjli vij

120. Some Bequests to Dorset Churches.—These notes are from wills in the principal registry at Somerset House. The date at the beginning of each note is the date of probate.

1617. Thomas Collant of Froome St. Quintin, clerk, left to the church of Froome St. Quintin a book of Common Prayer, and to the chapel of Evershot a Communion book.

1635. William Redman of Hinton Martell, yeoman, in 1635, left to the church of that parish money for "one wall dyall to be sett upon the south side of the Tower."

1636. George Saunders of Chedington, husbandman, in 1635, left 6s. 8d. to Chedington Church "towards the buying of a new Carpett cloth for the communion table."

1638. William Miller of Melbury Bubb, yeoman, in 1638, left 40s. "to the newe Erectinge of fower men seats in the north side of the church."

1639. Joane Ransome of Oburne, widow, in 15 Charles, left "unto the parrish church or chapell of Oburne tenne shillings to buy a carpett for the comunion table."

1640. Robert Lane of Hermitage, clerk, in 1639, left "my three Bookes of Actes and Monuments and the Deske in the chamber where I lye" to the church at Hermitage; and, adds the testator, "cursed be the man before the Lord who shall remove them thence."

1640. Marie Williams of Helton, widow, left to Helton church "a newe psalme booke of fower shillings."

1640. Elizabeth Loder of Winterborne Whitchurch, spinster,

in 1640, left 20s. "to buy therewith a carpet for the comunion table yf none be allready bought by the churchwardens."

1651. Edmond Sherring of Lillington, yeoman, in 1650, left 5s. towards a silver "communion cupp" for Lillington church.

1653. Robert Thorne of Bourton in Gillingham, gent., in 1652, left £3 for communion plate for the parish church of Gillingham.

1653. Richard Vivian alias Hoggard of Turners Puddle, yeoman, in 1640, left 10s. for "a communion table board" for the church of Turners Puddle.

1654. John Edwards of Bothen Hampton, yeoman, in 1647, left a new bell rope for the treble bell of Loders church.

1654. Elizabeth Kinge of Cann, wife of John Kinge of Sheagull, Wilts, gent., in 1653, left 15s. "to be bestowed in a pulpit clothe" for Mr. Veale. [Samuel Weale was according to Hutchins rector of Cann at this period].

1654. Martyn Hopkins of Povington in Isle of Purbeck, yeoman, in 1653, left 3s. to the parish of East Lulworth "to buy a forme for poore people to sitt upon."

1656. Hyppolett Mockett of Longbredy, in 1653, left 20s. to the church of Longbredy "for a pulpitt cloath."

1657. James Frampton of Buckland [Ripers], in 1655, left £20 "towards ye buildinge of ye church of Buckland."

1681. John Tregonwell of Milton Abbas, Esquire, in 1678, left "a poliglott bible" to be placed with other books in the "new vestry" at Milton Abbas.

F.J.P.

121. BROADWAY (SOMERSET) SUNDAY SCHOOL, 1797.—This account of one of the oldest Sunday Schools in England may interest the readers of *S. & D. N. & Q.*

JOHN W. STANDERWICK.

Articles and Rules for the Establishment of a Sunday School in the parish of Broadway.

March 1797.

1. That this school shall be supported by voluntary subscriptions.

2. That a Treasurer shall be appointed by a majority of the Subscribers, who shall receive the subscriptions, and therewith pay the Salary of the Master, and defray all other Expenses attending this Institution.

3. That Mr. Bennet be, and he is hereby, appointed Treasurer of the said School, for the year ensuing.

4. That a Master shall be appointed for this school by a Majority of the Subscribers, who shall instruct the Scholars in Spelling and Reading, at his own House, and shall regularly attend them to and from the Place of Worship, on every Lord's

Day, agreeably to the rules of this Institution: and the said Master shall receive for his care and trouble the sum of Two Pounds and twelve shillings a year, to be paid Quarterly.

5. That Thomas Whitfield be, and he is hereby, appointed Master of the said School.

6. That no Child shall be admitted into this School, who is less than seven years of age, or more than Fourteen.

7. That no Child shall be admitted into this School, without the Recommendation of a Subscriber; and any Parent who is desirous to have a child admitted into it may apply to the Master, who will give the necessary information as to the Names of the Subscribers.

8. That the Name of every Child admitted into this School shall be entered in a Book to be kept for that purpose by the Treasurer; in which Entry, the Age of the Child shall be specified, and the Name of the Subscriber, at whose Recommendation the Child was admitted.

9. That the Subscribers be requested to visit the said School, in Turn, as often as they can make it convenient, for the Purpose of observing the manner in which the Children are instructed, and the Progress they make, as well as to inquire into their general Conduct and Behaviour.

10. That *from Lady Day to Michaelmas* in every year, the children of this school shall attend at the House of the Master precisely at *eight o'clock*, in the morning of every Lord's Day, and *from Michaelmas to Lady Day*, precisely *at nine o'clock* in the Morning; to be instructed in Spelling and Reading, till the time of Divine Service, when they shall go in decent order to the Place of Worship, conducted by their Master.—And *on every Lord's Day throughout the year*, they shall attend at the Master's House, precisely at *one o'clock*, to be further instructed till the Time of Divine Service in the Afternoon, when they shall again go in decent order to the Place of Worship, conducted by their Master. *And from Lady Day to Michaelmas*, in every year, when Divine Service in the Afternoon is ended, they shall return, in the same decent order, to the House of their Master, to be further instructed till *Six o'Clock*.

11. That if any Child shall fail to attend at the Place and Time before appointed, without sufficient reason, (of which sufficiency the Master shall judge) such child shall, for the first default, be admonished and reprimanded by the Master, and for the Second Default, shall be confined in a dark and solitary place, for the space of one Hour, after the other Scholars are dismissed; and for every other the like Default shall suffer such further Punishment as the Treasurer, or any Visitor of the School shall order the Master to inflict.

12. That the Parents of the Children shall send them to School, as neat and decent as their circumstances will permit,

with their Hands and Faces washed clean, and their Hair combed.

13. That if any Child shall come to the School, whose Hands and Face are not washed clean, and whose Hair is not combed, such Child shall, for the first, second, and every other Default of the like Kind, be punished in the manner directed by the *Eleventh* Rule for the punishment of those who fail to attend at the Place and Times before appointed.

14. That if any Child belonging to this school shall be guilty of cursing, Swearing, or Lying, or of talking in an indecent manner, or of Pilfering and Stealing, or of any other Misbehaviour, the Master shall, on the first offence, point out the Evil of such Conduct; and if, after his reproof and admonition, the Child shall be guilty of either of the said offences a second Time, every Child, so offending, shall be confined in a dark and solitary Place, for the Space of One Hour, after the other Scholars are dismissed; and if the said Child shall offend a third Time, then the Master shall make a particular Report of such Offender to the Treasurer, who shall order such Punishment to be inflicted, as he, in his Discretion, shall think proper.

15. That a Book shall be provided for the Master, which shall be called the Black Book, and the Master shall enter therein a regular Account of the Misbehaviour of any of the children of this School, mentioning the particular Nature of every offence; which Book shall, from Time to Time, be laid before the Visitors of the School, that they may have an opportunity of publickly reproving those children who shall in any respect misbehave themselves, and of encouraging those who behave well.

16. That proper Books for the Instruction of the Children shall be provided by the Treasurer; and the said Books shall be carefully kept in a Box by the Master of the School.

17. That at the end of every year, The Black Book shall be opened and examined by the Treasurer, and other Visitors of the School, in the Presence of the Master and Scholars; and those children whose Names shall seldom or never appear in the said Book, and who shall be found to have made a good Progress in Spelling and Reading, shall receive some mark of Approbation and Encouragement.

18. That a copy of these Articles and Rules shall be delivered to the Master of this School, to be by him read over to the Scholars, on the first Lord's Day in every Month.

122. King Charles II. in Dorset.—It may be worth while to place on record the following memorandum written by the Rev. Dr. Rudge, F.R.S., Rector of Hawkchurch, 1828—1852, in a flyleaf at the beginning of the first volume of the Register of that parish, and dated by him 27 April, 1832.

"With respect to the Manorial house of Wylde Court, [one of the manors in the parish of Hawkchurch, Dorset] which was

built in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, and was formerly inhabited by the respectable families of the Moores and Wyndhams, there is a traditional account which I have heard from one or two aged persons in the parish, that King Charles the Second was there concealed for a short time, and that he occupied one of the bedrooms on the night previous to his intended embarcation from Charmouth, from which the house is distant five or six miles. I know not whether any credit be due to the report; but it is mentioned in "Boscobel," an interesting work, in which so minute an account of his movements after the battle of Worcester is given, that he was among the hills near Charmouth: and it is certain, that as concealment was his object, there is no spot more secluded than Wylde Court, particularly at that period 'bosomed in high turfted trees,' a magnificent avenue of which still exists, nor one in which he would have been more safe from his pursuers, supposing even then that any idea was entertained of that part of the coast to which his flight was directed. And it may be added, not indeed as a corroboration of this traditional account, but as a circumstance imparting to it an air of probability, that King Charles II, at the period of his projected flight from Charmouth, was staying at the house of Col. Wyndham, a brother of Mrs. Moore, then residing at Wylde Court, the contiguity of which to the sea, and its greater eligibility as a place of security, must have been well known, and might have been suggested as the most desirable spot from which the journey across the hills from the Manor house to Charmouth might be made. During the time in which I was repairing the Rectory house, I resided at Wylde Court for a year, through the permission of the late Viscountess Bridport, and I have frequently walked from the manor house to Charmouth across the hills; and a beautiful walk it is, and then probably was a very woody one, so retired, and so little frequented is this road to Charmouth at the present moment, that I often walk thither without meeting a single person either going or returning."

The Mrs. Moore mentioned above was Rachel, dr. of Sir John Wyndham of Orchard Wyndham, Knt., who married Thomas Moore of Heytesbury, Wilts. Her husband was buried at Heytesbury in 1623, and Dr. Rudge would imply that Wylde Court was her dower house, or served for her residence during her widowhood. She was not, however, sister of Col. Francis Wyndham, but his second cousin. EDITOR FOR DORSET.

The following note to this article has been kindly forwarded.

In the 4th edition of "*The Book of the Axe*," Mr. Pulman gives some account of a conversation he had with Dr. Rudge relative to the above mentioned tradition. It seems to have been one of several similar traditions unsupported by any record; notably one of Charles II, having visited Clapton Court near Crewkerne, at the same period. (See pp. 207 and 534.)

Hawkchurch advowson and manor were formerly possessed by Cerne Abbey.

At the dissolution these were granted to John Leigh, who in 1553 alienated them to John Moore of "Spargrove" in Batcombe, co. Somerset. The arms of Moore, *Argent* 2 bars engrailed, *azure*, between 9 martlets, 3, 3, & 3, *gules*, were, when Mr. Pulman wrote, over the porch; also on a leaden pipe-head appeared the inscription "T.M. 1593."

In the 17th century Wylde Court passed by marriage of Margaret Moore to Thomas, younger son of Sir Wadham Wyndham, Knt. (which Thomas died in 1698) to the latter family.

In the reign of Charles II., Mr. Thomas Moore, M.P. of Spargrove, greatly befriended the ministers ejected in 1662. (Calamy of sub. "*Morden*" in Dorset & "*Batcombe*" in Somerset.)

H.N.

123. King Charles II. at Coaxden Hall. (I. iii. 109, v. 197, III. xxiv. 321, IV. xxv. 3).—In *S. & D. N. & Q.* vol. III. pp. 310, 311, some difficulty was naturally felt by Mr. Norris as to the arms on the cup belonging to Mr. J. Cogan Conway, viz., "On a fess a lion passant, between three trefoils or slips of leaves, erect, 2 and 1."

On reference to Hutchins' *Dorset* (IV. 53) under Hawkchurch, may be read the monumental inscription of Robert Smith, physician, died 24 May, 1683, who married at Hawkchurch Anne, the 5th daughter of John Cogan, gent. Then follows, quoted from the 2nd edit. of Hutchins, "On a shield, above the inscription, is a salamander in flames; on another shield beneath, on a fess between three sprigs slit [? slipt], a lion passant."

The latter shield, which is apparently intended for *Cogan*, seems identical with the bearings on the cup.

Editor for Dorset.

In August, 1894, the writer of III. xxiv. 321, was shown a rubbing of an escutcheon engraved on a snuff-box belonging to Mr. W. P. Cogan Wills, of "Southfield," St. Andrews, Uxbridge, which is heraldically identical with that on Mr. Cogan Conway's cup figured at p. 310, Vol. III. *S. & D. N. & Q.* The crest and motto are accompanied by the initials and date "R.C. 1695," a period long antecedent to the loss of the chain and locket. This, taken with what has already been said, seems pretty conclusive as to the arms in question having been borne by a branch of the Cogan family in the 17th and 18th centuries. H.N.

124. Somerset Visitation, 1672; Dorset Visitation, 1677. (IV. xxxii. 295, V. xxxv. 105).—As several correspondents have enquired about these Visitations, a contemporary notice may be acceptable. The writer, William Harbin of Newton Surmaville, near Yeovil, was born in 1654, and succeeded his father, John, in

1672, when only 18 years old. The family had suffered severely for their loyalty to Charles I, but weathered the storm; and a certain tone of pride mingles with the feeling that the Heralds' fees were an unnecessary expense in the then state of the family purse. The note was written in the latter part of the seventeenth century, on a spare leaf of the household account book.

E. H. BATES.

'In the year 1672, one Sir Edward Bish Clarencieux King at Arms visited this countie, and by the bailiffs of every hundred and I met at Ilchester in ye same year, and carryed my parchment in which my coat of arms were granted to my family many years ago; at which time, 72 aforesaid, one of Sir Edward Bish his servants took my coat of armes, and enquired how many brothers my father had, who he marryed, how many brothers I have, and on paying 39 shillings and 6 pence for a confirmation came home again. I observed at the meeting aforesaid I saw no justice of peace neither could I learn of anyone yt went the same time, but in Dorsetshire some years after most of the county went and Sir Edward Bishe aforesaid petitioned the parliament about 82 against those gentlemen in everie countie he has visited to produce their title to their coats of arms, but they threw it out; after which he made a book of what he had seen and taken in everie county and printed it, in which book is my coat of arms engrossed; and if ever they come again there is no need of going near them on their summons, neither can there come any damage from it: for their coming is more to grant new coats of arms to new upstart families than to review the ancient gentlemen's coats; neither any of the ancients appeared at all in our county, for I was the best that appeared at Ilchester 72, of thirty at least, and if I had not been a very young man, not above 18 I believe, I should not have been there, and parted with my money for nothing.'

125. DORSET AT THE REVOLUTION, 1688. (V. xxxiv. 40, xxxv. 85).—At the former of these references, page 53, was printed a list of Deputy Lieutenants and Magistrates for Dorset, who responded to the questions propounded by John, Earl of Bristol, as to their intended line of action in view of a general election. In this list the name of Bullen Reymes does not occur. The following letter, from among the papers of Mr. G. Troyte-Chafyn-Grove, shows that Reymes was not at Dorchester when a meeting was held there touching this matter, and hence a further communication came to him from the Earl. To this, it seems, no answer was given, for, though the list is dated May, 1688, six months later, the name of Reymes is not included.

C. H. MAYO.

"Good Mr. Reames

In Pursuance of Instructions received from the King that I

shall aske all the Deputy Lieuten^ts and Justices of the Peace within my Lieutenancy one by one ye following Questions viz

1. In case he shall be chosen Knight of the shire or Burgesse of a Towne when the King shall think fitt to call a Parliament, Whether he will be for taking off the Penal Laws and the Tests?
2. Whether he will assist and Contribute to the Election of such members as shall be for taking off the Penal Laws and Tests?
3. Whether he will support the King's Declaration for Liberty of Conscience by liveing friendly with those of all Persuassions as subjects of the same Prince and good Christians ought to do?

And alsoe that I shall take a particular Account in writing that ev'ry one of them answers to ye said sev'al Questions whether he consents Refuseth or is doubtfull.

Being informed that yor present occasions in London were the Cause of yor non appearance at our General Meeting in Dorchester about this Affair on Wednesday the 9th Instant I think [it] good hereby to acquaint you both with the King's comand aforesaid and alsoe with my earnest desire that you will not fail to send me down speedily your direct Answer under your own hande to ev'ry particular Question hereinbefore expressed that the same may be transmitted (together with the Answers of the rest of the Gentlemen concerned) with all exactnesse and expedition to his Majesty by him that is

Sr,
Your affectionate Friend,
Bristol

Sherborne
12 Nov., 1687."

Superscription defaced
"For Bulle....."

In a later hand
"Bristol's
L're to B. Reymes"

126. Notes on Churches in the Deanery of Bruton, *continued* (V. xxxv. 89.)—

Bratton St. Maur.

This Church,—dedicated to S. Nicholas, *Dioc. Cal.*, Holy Trinity, *Collinson* and *Phelps*; S. Giles, *Bruton Chart.* no. 93—stands on the brow of a hill overlooking Redlynch. It consists of nave, south porch, chancel, and tower at west end, and contains several points of interest. The nave was rebuilt *c.* 1830, but the Norman doorway has been preserved. It has a semi-circular

head enriched with a band of chevron moulding, which rests upon abaci with the lower angle bevelled off. In the walls of the nave may be seen several stones with a zigzag moulding on one edge. The windows are very late without cusps. The present chancel was built in the Decorated period. The E. window is of three lights with the mullions crossing in the head, and the principal lights foliated. The tracery of the window on the S. side is different; two acute-pointed lights support a quartrefoil opening in the head, with a hood moulding over. Between this window and the W. end of the chancel is a 'low-side' window, but as the stonework has been renewed by order of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, the aperture is the only original part now remaining. The tower has been re-built, probably in the last century, and the western doorway destroyed, though the jambs still exist in the wall. At the N.E. angle is an enormous clumsy turret. Collinson remarks of the interior that 'it contains nothing worthy of observation,' and this remark would be still equally true, if it were not for the font. This is a plain specimen of an early date. The bowl is circular with a roll moulding round lip; it has a diameter of 30in., and a depth of 13in. This rests on a short column, 10in. high and 26in. in diameter, which is raised on a modern octagonal base. [From photograph and figures kindly supplied by Mr. E. Swanton, of Bratton S. Maur.]

BREWHAM, SOUTH.

A building of medium size, consisting of nave, north aisle, chancel and tower on south side of nave. A south aisle was added in 1826. The earliest portions are the chancel and the lower stage of the tower. This is in the Transitional style. The outer arch is acutely pointed, of two orders with the angles chamfered, under a roll dripstone. The orders rest on plain abaci, and the chamfer is continued down the jambs to the ground. There are no bases visible. The inner doorway has a segmental arch under a pointed relieving arch. A fragmentary corbel on the east side indicates the position of the holy water stoup. In the chancel are two single light windows with wide splays and trefoiled heads in the south wall, and in the east wall a single light with cinquefoiled head. There is also a priest's door on south side. The church was enlarged in the Perpendicular period by the addition of the north aisle. It is separated from the nave by an arcade of four arches. The piers are no taller than the bases upon which they rest; this arrangement gives a decidedly stumpy air to the arcade. At the east end is the doorway, now walled up, leading to the roodloft staircase, and close beside is a small ogee-headed piscina. The window at this end retains its original tracery; on the outside may be seen the crooks for the shutters which saved the window when fives were being played against the north wall of the chancel.

The tower was raised an additional story and finished off with a plain battlement without pinnacles.

Interior. The nave has a close ribbed trussed roof of dark oak with carved bosses at the intersections of the principals and purlins. The roof of the chancel is coved and pannelled. The plain communion rails are old work. On the south side of the communion table is a piscina; on the floor on the north side a lias slab, not hitherto noticed. It is of the early part of the 18th cent.; the lettering has perished, but the coat of arms is very distinct: *a lion ramp.*, impaling 3 *bull's heads cabossed.* [Information is requested about this alliance.] The font is modern. The old one may be seen in the churchyard; it is a fine piece of work and worthy of a better fate.* In the church are several inscribed brasses of the 16th-18th centuries. The one to the Rev. Edward Bennett, 1673, bears his arms 3 *demi-lions ramp.*, and some verses not given in Phelps. In the churchyard the cross given in Pooley stands under the shadow of two old yew trees.

Bruton.

The 24th volume of the *Som. A. & N.H.S. Proceedings* contains a very full description of this church by Mr. R. H. Carpenter, the architect employed in its restoration.

Charlton Musgrove.

The present Church is built in the Perpendicular style. It has a nave with south porch, chancel, and a tower of good design at west end. Over the porch is a dial with the date 1607. The inner doorway is flat-headed, over it is a semicircular relieving arch visible from the inside of the church. There was formerly a doorway on the opposite side, but this has been walled up. The windows of the nave are modern. In the north wall above the pulpit is the doorway which gave access to the roodscreen. The stair-case was placed some little distance to the west, and the passage contrived in the thickness of the nave to connect the two still remains. On the south side of the panelled chancel arch is a niche for an image. At the back of this niche was a fresco representing S. Stephen (the Patron Saint), discovered at the restoration of the church, but too far gone to be retained. [Note by Rev. L. R. M. Leir, Rector.] The font has a nice

* This font was originally in Bruton Church. Having been superseded there, it was begged by the authorities of Brewham, who afterwards changed their minds, and got a new one, leaving the old one outside. [Communicated by the Rev. H. T. Ridley, Vicar of Bruton.]

domical cover. In the south wall of the chancel is one of the original windows, also a priest's door still secured by a massive oak bar. To the east of this door is a window composed of three small lancet openings, the middle one being slightly the taller. As there is a stone bearing the inscription 'Anno Domini 1599' in the east wall, there was doubtless some restoration at that date, and this window was then inserted. The present east window is modern. There are no old monuments in the church, but as a set-off, the Register begins in 1538, and is therefore one of the oldest in the county.

The tower stands high; at the N.E. corner is a square turret carried up the full height of the tower, and like it finished off with battlements and pinnacles. Some of the gargoyles are very quaint.

CHESTERBLADE.

[*Som. Arch. Proc.*, XIII. i. 25]. This hamlet is an outlying part of the parish of Evercreech, and has possessed a separate place of worship from the earliest times. It is a small building consisting of nave with bell turret at west end, large south porch, and chancel. The nave is Norman with windows in the Perpendicular style. The doorway is recessed in two orders. In the angle of the jambs are nook shafts (restored) with capitals grotesquely carved. The plain abaci support a segmental headed arch, which is surmounted by a hood-moulding decorated with a band of pellets resting on small corbel heads. The corbel stone at the south side of the west gable is covered with fish-scale moulding. The corbel stone on the south side of the eastern gable has a series of intersecting arches; below this band are a rude representation of the 'Agnus Dei,' and a man's face. On the corresponding stone on the north side are carved: first, a lion's(?) head between two human faces, above a row of four small circles containing two crosses, a star, and a fylfot with curved arms; finished off above with a line of zigzag moulding. Part of the Norman coping still remains in the east gable of the nave. In early Perpendicular days, a large porch was added on the south side, and a niche inserted in the wall on the apex of the Norman arch. A bell turret was also erected on the west gable and the chancel was rebuilt. The east window has been despoiled of all its tracery, presumably, for the purpose of letting in more light. Inside the building there is a Norman tub font, 20 inches high and 25 inches in diameter. The original designer decorated the bowl with a cable moulding, but this was chiselled off some years ago [note by Rev. and Hon. E. P. A. Talbot, Vicar.] There is also the stone reading desk or pulpit of the time of Henry VIII.

127. DORSET ADMINISTRATIONS.—*Continued.*—(II. ix. 10, x. 49, xi. 78, xii. 113, xiii. 150, xiv. 178, xv. 217, xvi. 242, III. xvii. 8, xviii. 57, xix. 94, xx. 151, xxi. 183, xxii. 233, xxiii. 279, xxiv. 323, IV. xxv. 11, xxvi. 38, xxvii. 77, xxviii. 123, xxix. 173, xxx. 209, xxxi. 251, xxxii. 298, V. xxxiii. 11, xxxiv. 46, xxxv. 87).

1671.

Folio.	Name of Deceased.	Parish.	Grantee and Relationship to deceased.	Date of Administration.
122	Browne, George	Bradle, Church Knowell	William, son	6 Oct., 1671
65	Cantloe, Elizabeth	East Home	Roger, Robert and Thomas, sons	18 May, 1671
66	Coppinger, Matthew	Langton Purbeck	Mary, relict	8 June, 1671
91	Corne, John	Sturminster Marshall	Joane, mother and guardian of Richard, Mary and Abigail Corne, grandchildren	8 July, 1671
26	Cottle, William	Lyme Regis	Mary, relict	20 Feb., 1671
66	Fellow, Alexander	Wareham	Eliza, relict	12 June, 1671
91	Gawler, William, widower	Sturminster	John Gawler, senior, guardian of John, Roger, William and Barbara, children of deceased	3 July, 1671
92	Gilbert, Richard, bachr.	Wimborne Minster	Thomas, brother	1 July, 1671
145	Gold, Thomas	Dorchester	George Carew, principal creditor	22 Dec., 1671
27	Good, William	Crockway, Maiden Newton	Thomasine, wife of Martin Deare, daughter	4 Feb., 1671
66	Hall, William, bachr.	Sherborne, died at Bridgwater	Edward Penny, principal creditor (further grant, January, 1684).	26 June, 1671
49	Hallibread, Elizabeth	Poole	James, husband	18 Apl., 1671
27	Hayne, Benjamin, bach	Marshwood	Gideon, brother	13 Feb., 1671
12	Hussy, Robert	Dowlish	William Knoyle, nephew, sister's side; (further grant March, 1681.)	24 Jan., 1671
93	James, Thomas	Margaret Marsh	Ellinor, relict	1 July, 1671
92	Joyliffe, Richard	East Stower	John Cave, "nepos" and next of kin	12 July, 1671
77	Lavor, John	Burton	Robert Dallibar, cousin and next of kin	16 June, 1671
92	Mallett al's Mallard, John	Whitchurch	Richard, father	18 July, 1671
103	Morris, Ursula	Upper Compton	Jane Petty, sister	21 Aug., 1671
12	Oake, Michael	Poole	Temperance, relict	16 Jan., 1671
112	Philleps, Margaret, spinster	Corfe Mullen	Elizabeth, widow, mother	4 Sep., 1671
51	Powell, John,	Edmondsham	Joan Gwyne al's Powell, sister	1 Apl., 1671

Folio.	Name of Deceased.	Parish.	Grantee and Relationship to deceased.	Date of Administration.
67	Reade, Thomas	Rimorne, (Minterne)	Elizabeth, relict	11 June, 1671
52	Rogers, John, Knt.	Edmonsham	Joan Gwyne al's Rogers, sister (further letters Apl., 1679, and Aug., 1684)	1 Apl., 1671
144	Taylor al's Watts, Mary	Wimborne Minster	Nicholas Taylor, husband	8 Dec. 1671
51	Temple, Richard	Wimborne Minster	Joane, relict	22 Apl., 1671
28	Tupp al's Toope, Richard	Bushier, Corfe Castle	Edward Parry and William Salter, guardians of Richard and John, sons of deceased, Alice, relict, not having fully administered (former grant April, 1668)	22 Feb., 1671
144	Watts al's Taylor	see Taylor		
67	Weare, William	Minchenton Handley	Anne, relict and administratrix of Henry Weare, grandson and next of kin	5 June, 1671
67	White, Robert, widower	Witcomb	Robert, son	26 June, 1671

1672.

116	Abbott, Nathaniel	Weymouth	Sarah, relict	27 Aug., 1672
166	Arden, Daniel	Dorchester	Mary, relict	8 Nov. 1672
166	Balling, William	Purbeck	Susanna, relict	28 Nov. 1672
68	Best, William	Corfe Castle	Grace, relict	25 June, 1672
175	Bishopp, John	Cranborne	Anne, relict	30 Dec., 1672
175	Butler, Francis	Sturminster Marshall	Bridget, relict	19 Dec., 1672
134	Caseway, Francis	Weymouth died at sea in service of the King.	Mary, relict	4 Sept., 1672
9	Chaplen, Thomas	Wareham	Dorothy, relict	17 Jan., 1672
34	Clavell, Roger	Winfrith Newburgh	Anna, relict	1 Apl., 1672
30	Clement, John, rector	South Perrott	Thomas, son (further grant Dec., 1695)	13 Mar. 1672
166	Cooke, Thomas	Cranborne	Anne, daughter. Joane, daughter, renouncing	26 Nov. 1672
134	Dollen, William	Langton Purbeck	Judith Dollen, spinster, sister	17 Sept., 1672
134	Droddy, John	Weymouth	Sarah, relict	9 Sept., 1672
69	Essex, George	Cranborne	Elizabeth, relict	10 June, 1672
70	Garrett al's Topp,	see Topp		
51	Gerrard, Alice, spinster	Corfe Castle	George, brother	24 May, 1672
177	Grey, George	Kingston Marleward	Susan, relict	11 Dec., 1672
20	Hallett, Hugh, widower	Beminster	James, son	20 Feb., 1672

Folio.	Name of Deceased.	Parish.	Grantee and Relationship to deceased.	Date of Administration
91	Hanham, James	Wimborne Minster	Frances Hanham, sister, John, father (since deceased) not having fully administered (previous grant Apl., 1661)	1 July, 1672
30	Harbin, Mary, widow	Wareham	Henry, son	28 Mar. 1672
176	Hiley, Peter	Poole	Rachael, relict	2 Dec., 1672
135	Kinge, Richard, arm.	Sherborne	ElizabethNoble al'sKinge, cousin and next of kin	3 Sep., 1672
51	Lea al'sSherringe Margaret, widow	Pulham	Edmund Sherringe, son	2 May, 1672
116	Loop, William, bachr.	Henbury "Dorset"	Alice, wife of James Hollibread, sister	14 Aug., 1672
69	Moore, Richard	Caundle Bishop	Richard, son	29 June, 1672
69	Osset, Roger	Weymouth	Joan, relict	19 June, 1672
52	Raymond, Edward	Hawkchurch	Joan, relict	12 May, 1672
36	Raynes, Thomas	Burford, died abroad	Mary, mother, guardian of Thomas, son of deceased	13 Apl., 1672
176	Ridoute, William	Sherborne	Frances, relict	26 Dec., 1672
51	Sherringe al's Lea	see Lea		
167	Stevenson, Henry	Wareham	Margaret, relict	11 Nov., 1672
31	Street, Stephen	Poole	Henry, brother (further grant Feb., 1674)	11 Mar., 1672
10	Sweet, Ebbot	Funtmill	Richard, husband	9 Jan., 1672
176	Sydenham, Thomas, bach.	Weymouth	Mary, wife of Walter Thornhull, sister	11 Dec., 1672
167	Toomer, Avice	Motcombe	William, son(further grant Feb., 1676)	6 Nov., 1672
70	Topp al's Garrett, Sibella	Alderholt, Cranborne	Richard Topp, husband	8 June, 1672
52	Tubbing, John	Portland, died abroad	Tabitha, wife of William Stone, daughter, Susan Tubbing al's Mansell, relict, not administering	14 May, 1672

1673.

45	Barrett, Lionel	Ryme	Grace, relict	1 Apl., 1673
159	Beaton, Jonathan	Over Compton	Hester, relict	2 Dec. 1673
98	Blacker, Edwa d	Gillingham	Jane, wife of John Perne, mother	8 Aug., 1673
37	Budden, John, senr.	Horton	John, son, of goods not administered by Margaret, relict. (Previous grant Feb., 1670, further grant Jan., 1674)	21 Mar., 1673
86	Collins, Benjamin	Fordington died in Barbadoes	Ann, widow, mother)	5 July, 1673
143	Crabb, William	Child Okeford	Elizabeth, relict	15 Nov., 1673
160	Damon, Thomas	Steeple Purbeck	John Miller, attorney of Lydia, relict	15 Dec., 1673

Folio.	Name of Deceased.	Parish.	Grantee and Relationship to deceased.	Date of Administration.
113	Davies, John	Charmouth	Ruth, relict	22 Sept., 1673
112	Gibbins, William	Weeke	Rebecca, relict	11 Sep., 1673
159	Gill, Thomas	Wyke Regis died in service of the King	Anne, relict	10 Dec., 1673
67	Gregory, Roger	Fordington	Samuel, son	30 June, 1673
119	Hancocke, John	Studland, died in ship "Happy Returns" in King's service	Richard Stephens, father and attorney of Susan, relict	10 Oct., 1673
142	Harvey, Leonard	Melcombe Regis died in ship "Hampshire" in King's service	Mary, relict	10 Nov., 1673
143	Hause, John	Poole, died in ship "Fairfax" in King's service	Henry Norrington, attorney of Avice, relict	17 Nov., 1673
143	Hayter, John	Shaston St. James	Frances, wife of George Garret, daughter	26 Nov., 1673
90	Holwell, William	Bridport	Mary, relict	4 July, 1673
142	Hussey, Simon	Lyme Regis	Joan, relict	11 Nov., 1673
143	Ireland, Roger	Thornford	Dorothy, relict	18 Nov., 1673
27	Mew, Thomas	Wootton Glanvill "co Somerset"	Catherine, relict	19 Feb., 1673
119	Northover, John	Hazlebury, died in ship "St. Michael" in King's service	George Fulford, attorney of Anne, relict	17 Oct., 1673
118	Oldfield, Henry	Wareham, died on ship "Dunkirk" in King's service	Thomas Bramble, father and attorney of Mary, relict	6 Oct., 1673
66	Patten, Edward	Poole	Jane, relict	9 June, 1673
143	Reekes, Hubert	Sturminster Marshall	Ann, relict	18 Nov., 1673
89	Ryves, John	DameryCourt	George Ryves, nephew	29 July, 1673
143	Stevenson, Henry	Wareham	Margaret, mother	18 Nov., 1673
67	Stickland, Ann	AltonPancras	John, brother, of goods not administered by Robert, brother. (Previous grant March, 1670)	20 June, 1673
67	Stickland, William	AltonPancras	John, brother, of goods not administered by Robert, brother. (Previous grant March, 1670)	20 June, 1673
89	Taylor, Philip	Dorchester	Samuel Mellish, guardian of Elizabeth, daughter	17 July, 1673
67	Toop, Margery	Purbeck	Henry Greening, nephew, sister's side	21 June, 1673

Folio.	Name of Deceased.	Parish.	Grantee and Relationship to deceased.	Date of Administration.
112	Warren. Charles	Chardstock	Jane, relict	20 Sept., 1673
26	Wills, John	Beamister	Ann, relict	3 Feb., 1673
			1674.	
49	Baker, Burlace, bachelor	Shapwick	Anne, mother	4 Apl., 1674
107	Basket, John, arm.	Dowlish	Mary, relict	13 July, 1674
105	Bennet, Francis	Wick Regis died in ship "The Success" in King's service	Ann, mother	10 July, 1674
8	Budden, John, senior	Horton	Henry Rogers and Thomas Bayley, guardians of Philip, son of deceased, of goods not administered by Margaret, relict, and John, son of deceased (Previous grants Feb., 1669, and March, 1673)	12 Jan., 1674
48	Cleever, Robert, merchant	Poole	Mary, relict	18 Apl., 1674
153	Cole, Sarah, spinster	Dorchester	Mary Merton, widow, sister	23 Oct., 1674
153	Dolling, Robert	Dunshay Worth Matravers	Mary and Selina Dolling, sister	24 Oct., 1674
107	Fulford, Ames, bach.	Toller	Elizabeth, wife of Giles Frampton, sister	13 July, 1674
105	Hackford, James	Wimborne, died in ship "Plymouth" in King's service	Elenor, relict	13 July, 1674
115	Maltby, William	Sherborne	Grace, relict	15 Aug., 1674
115	Sanders, Edward	Abbotsbury, died in ship "The Navy Yaht" (*sic*) in King's service	Thomas Walbridge, attorney of Avice, relict	17 Aug., 1674
8	Sanders, Humphry, vicar	Netherbury	Mary, relict	16 Jan., 1674
11	Shute, John, bach.	Charmouth died in ship "Jersey" in King's service	James, brother	22 Jan., 1674
80	Snooke, Thomas	Dorchester	Lydia, relict	20 June, 1674
16	Streete, Stephen	Poole	William, 'Nepos,' of goods not administered by Henry, brother. (Former grant, March, 1672)	14 Feb., 1674

(*To be continued.*

GEO. S. FRY.

128. RATING OF CHEW HUNDRED, SOMERSET, A.D. 1600. —The following document in the possession of Rev. Francis J. Poynton, Rector of Kelston, by whom this transcript has been supplied, may be described as a deed of Voluntary Arrangement entered into by the "Substantiall" Inhabitants of The Hundred of Chew in the 42nd year of the reign of Elizabeth, having reference to the rating of their lands for Her Majesty's Service.

It has been thought worthy of a place in *S. & D. N. & Q.*, both because it shows the identity of Demesne with Overlands, and also assists to define the difference between these and the Old Aster, as also because it states the precise acreage of several ancient terms of land-measurement. The deed is further valuable, as supplying a sort of Domesday-Book of the Hundred of Chew at the period to which it relates. The parchment and ink of the original are so much injured by damp that its contents would soon have been lost to knowledge. The major part (decyphered under a strong glass) will now be preserved in print. The portions which are utterly gone are indicated by * * * * in the Transcript, those, which (though unreadable). might fairly be conjectured, are inserted in square brackets.

F.J.P.

TO ALL X'PEN PEOPLE to whome these presentes shall come **Wee** her Majesties Justices of peace in the Countie of Som'set whose names are under wrytten Send greetinge in or Lord god eu'lasting. **Forasmyche** as the highe constables and divers other substantiall persons of the Hundred of Chewe in the Countie aforesaid have att divers and sundry times made great complainte unto us and others our fellowes Justices of the peace in the same Countie aswell privatelie as publikelie By supplicacon exhibited in the gen'all quarter Sessions of the peace holden within [the said countie] That they have been more deerelie chardged in all paymentes as for the provision of her Mai'ts most honourable howse Setting fourthe of souldiers for her highnes service as occasion doth necessitate ..... paymente whatsoever .....[than] anie other hundreds have bene or theire abillitie coulde well extend vnto. **Where-vppon** wee examyninge the Cause thereof by testimony of certain of the [constabl]es and divers other credible persons of the same hundred of Chewe That the occasion thereof was for that within the said hundred of Chewe there [are].....lands.....called overlandes aswell in and belonging to the Mannor of Chewe as alsoe in and belonging to divers and sundry other Lordshipps and Mannors [of the said hundred] .....whiche landes have not used heretofore to contribute towardes the paymentes aforesaid, as other the tenantes and occupiers of the Auntient Customary lands [have done]....and that by reason thereof the whole burden and chardge of the paymentes aforesaid doe arise onelie vppon the said tenantes and occupiers of the same Customary landes [that the same]....appearethe vnto us to bee against all reason equitie good conscience **For reformacion** whereof and to thentente that noe man may bee oppressed or overchardged and that .....every man may bee indifferentlie burdened and chardged wth the payments abouesaid and wth all suche other payments and chardges as for her mai'ts service may att any [time] hereafter bee imposed vppon them **Wee** have thought good That they shoulde by theire owne consentes and agreements sett downe a rate vppon every the tennants and occupiers of every suche p'cell [of over] landes lying and being within the hundred aforesaid according to the quantitie and valewe of that whiche every p'ticuler tennant dothe houlde occupie or enioy of suche Demeane Landes or Over-

landes soe to devide the same into yard landes halfe yarde landes fardells or into lesser p'cells or porc'ons according to theire discrec'ons, To the intente that they paying rate for rate for the same as [the tenants] and occupiers of the auntient Customarie or oulde Auster landes doe, The whole chardge may arrise therealter vppon every p'ticuler tennante and inhabitante of the whole hundred aforesaid. **Wherevppon** The inhabitantes of the hundred aforesaid, or the greatest parte of them (as wee are crediblie informed) agreing Have exhibited vnto us in writing under theire handes or under the handes of verie many of them A Devision of the demeane landes within the hundred of Chewe aforesaid or of the moste pte thereof by yarde landes, halfe yarde landes, fardells, halfe fardells and quarters of fardells to bee assessed and rated to the payments aforesaid, porc'on and porc'on, like as other yarde landes, halfe yarde landes, fardells and suche like of auntient Customary and oulde Auster landes [within] the said hundred are. The tenor of whiche writinge soe vnto vs exhibited, is in efect as followethe—That is to say, **For the** Demeanes wthin the hundred of Chewe magna **It is** agrede among many of the Inhabitanntes there—That Fower score acres of grounde shoulde bee a yarde lande, and as for them that hould demeanes which have not Fyve acres of the same to pay nothing for it to anie payments, But for them that have Fyve acres, to pay for a quarter Fardell, and for Tenn acres to pay for halfe a fardell, and fifteen acres to pay for three quarters of a fardell, and soe vpwarde. And for the auntiente Customarie or oulde Auster landes houlden in fee or by deede, copie, or lease within the said hundred of Chewe magna to bee payable in and to all payments as the Demeanes shalbee in whose tenure soever it bee houlden. And for every Cottage the whiche hathe Fyve acres of grounde belonging to it, That to pay as for a quarter of a Fardell, and soe a Cottage or grounde houlden by any other name, being Fyve or Tenn acres, to pay for Fyve acres as for a quarter of a fardell, and for Tenn acres as for halfe a fardell and to bee payable withe the other above written. **And** furthermore yf there bee any of the groundes herevnder written wch shalbee taxed to the said payments [and] shalbee of extraordinarie goodnes Althoughe they want somewhat in the measure of any the rates or p'port'ons herevnder recited That yet notwithstandinge the same shalbee payable to all payments as aforesaid. **Here** doe followe and is sett downe the nomber of all the yarde landes to bee payable as well demeasnes as oulde Auster within the hundred of Chewe and alsoe are named in what tithings their groundes doe lie and in whose tenures, (That is to say) First in **Tymsberoughe** nyne yarde landes and an halfe, whereof Seaven yarde landes bee of the oulde accompt, and Two yarde lands and an halfe are demeasnes houlden by Barnabas Samborne esquier. **In Clutton** Sixteen yarde Landes. **In [Knighton Sutt]on** Fyve yarde landes, whereof two yarde landes and an halfe are in the tenure of Elizabeth Counteis of Sherowsburie. **In Stowey** Six yarde landes. **In Chewe stoke** .....**In Dondere** Twentie Seaven yarde landes of the oulde accompte, besides theis whiche followe and are newlie brought in to bee payable to the saide .....and att Barfoote in Sutton tythinge half a yarde lande being nowe in the tenure of Mr. Bushe of Broadewelsdowne For halfe a fardell of wche said..... by vs the saide Justices that the said Mr.Bushe shalbee contributory to all payments as well to her Ma'tie as otherwise within the tithinge of Sutton. **In** the Tenure of John Wode.....downe grounde. **In** the tenure of John Hasell and William Kinge halfe a fardell wch was late in the tenure of the lord Chief Justice. **In** the tenure of William Burde halfe a fardell wch [was of late] in the tenure of the said lord Chief Justice. **In** the tenure of William Pope, a quarter of a fardell; **In** the tenure of Elizabeth Tippett a quarter of a fardell; **In** the tenure of John [? White] and Thomas Collings, a quarter of a fardell. **In** the tenure of Thomas Grimsbie, a quarter of a fardell. **In** the tenure of John Hicks a quarter of a fardell. **In** the tenure of John Hasell of.....a quarter of a fardell. **In** the tenure of William Wode, halfe a fardell. **In** the tenure of Thomas Smithe, one fardell. **In** the tenure of William Burde, halfe a fardell. **In** the tenure of William Councell, halfe a fardell. **In** the tenure of Thomas Fourde, a quar. of a fardell. **In** the tenure of Robert Kinge late deceased, a

quarter of a fardell. **In** the tenure of Agnis Baylie, halfe a fardell. **In Norton Maulreward** Seaven yarde landes. **In Norton Hawkewill** Fyve yarde landes. **In Northellme & Stone** of the oulde accompte Twelve yard landes, **And** here followeth suche as are of the newe accompte. **First** Two yarde landes and an halfe in the tenure of Mr. Frauncis Baber esquier, being of the first setting downe of the saide Mr. Baber towardes the said payments. Alsoe halfe a fardell wch was late in the tenure of George Fisher, and alsoe one other halfe fardell which was late in the tenure of Thomas Jones deceased, And alsoe one other fardell whiche was p'cell of the yarde lande which of late yeeres was named vppon the saide Lord Chief Justice. All wch saide last recited p'cells of grounde being added in accompte togeather doe conteine in the whole Three yarde landes nowe in the tenure of the saide Mr. Frauncis Baber and doe lie wthin the p'ishe of Chewe. **In** the tenure of Roberte Hannie the younger halfe a yarde lande. **In** the tenure of Toby King, a fardell and an halfe. **In** the tenure of John Olliver, a fardell. **In** the tenure of Walter House a quarter of a fardell. **In** the tenure of Richard Hill a quarter of a fardell. **In** the tenure of Thomas Crosman, a quarter of a fardell. **In** the tenure of Henry Starck a quarter of a fardell. **And** alsoe in the tenure of Edithe Smithe halfe a fardell. **In Sutton & Knowle** of the oulde accompte Twenty & six yarde landes. **And** here alsoe followeth suche as are brought in vppon the newe accompte to pay towardes the said paymts (That is to say) **In** the tenure of John Fowles halfe a fardell. **In** the tenure of Walter Feare a quarter of a fardell. **In** the tenure of Richard Holbin a quarter of a fardell. **In** the tenure of William Purnell a quarter of a fardell. **In** the tenure of Mr. Doctor Baber, halfe a fardell. **In** the tenure of Thomas Jones a fardell. **In** the tenure of Thomas Painse a fardell and an halfe. **In** the tenure of Richard Webbe a fardell. **In** the tenure of Roger Shurborne a fardell and an halfe. **In** the tenure of Raphe Davis a quarter of a fardell. **And here** in the foote of this writinge and alsoe to come wthin the Knowle tithinge Wee the inhabitants of the hundred of Chewe doe sett downe and name every p'ticuler porc'on and pte of an auntient tenement whiche is devided into p'cels and by that meanes is growen to bee troublesome for the gatheringe of the payments for her mai'ts service, for when it was all [one] tennement [it contained one] yarde lande and an halfe, and soe the hundred and tithing of Knowle doe looke to have it continue to all payments to her mai'tie. **Nowe** to shewe in whose tenures every p'ticuler [portion doe stand]. **First in** the tenure of John Golstonne a fardell. **In** the tenure of Agnis Kinge and Toby her sonne a fardell. **In** the tenure of Bridget Wick als Collings houlden by herselfe.....**In** the tenure of John Winfryewill nowe or of late yeres named Downecrofte a fardell. **In** the tenure of Thomas Wick als Collings dwelling by Bonnets Elm halfe [a fardell]. **In** the tenure of John Curteis halfe a fardell. **In** the tenure of John Vphoulde and in the tenure of Thomas Horte and his daughter-in-lawe that was his sonne Richards wief, and also [in the tenure] of Robert Hannie, Edithe Smithes sonne-in-law, and in the tenure of John Winer the married man. In theis five peoples tenures last named begining wth John Vphoulde a fardell. Soe in this course and manner this auntient tenement is brought to bee payable for a yarde lande and an halfe. **Soe that** the whole nomber of yarde landes both of oulde Auster and Demeanes within the hundred of Chewe is Seavenskore and Nine yarde landes a fardell and halfe a fardell. **All whiche** matters wee for our p'tes doe thincke in equitie and conscience to bee iustly [sett downe] and therefore att the request of the Inhabitannts of the same hundred have hereunto Sett our hanndes **yeoven** the——daie of——in the two and forteth yeere of the Raigne of our Soveraigne Ladie Elizabeth By the grace of god, of England, Fraunce and Ireland, Queene, Defender of the faithe, &c. 1600.

Bar. Samborne
Fra: Baber

[In another hand, clear but not text hand, is added:]

"We the inabitants of the hundred of chew magna have a long time taken in hand and traveled to bringe this to pase wch is [was long needed for peace] and quietnes in paiments for heare magestes s'vice, and now being

brought to [pase], we the inhabitants doo craue and requeste of your worshupes that be Justisers of peace of and for this [county] to set downe your names in the foote of this writing that it may continue for a quietnes amoung vs and [for this end] a nomber of us the inhabitants have set down or names to show or suete to your worshupes and all [though all in the] hundred have not set downe their names hear vnto, yet your worshupes may vnderstand by the writing that to....one that doth licke of this writing, for in seven skore and nyene yarde lands ther is but ..... and of the demanis wch is newly brought in to be paiable and yet a most all that houldeth these [have subscribed] wth their writing, so this or bo,.ds to your worshupes, hoping of your furtherans to it.

....Hundred William Prattant, William Purnell, ...(Thomas)? Wallise, Rowelande Pully, William Veale of Stoke ..... (Edward)? Holdinge ..... Ford, Thomas Veale, John Bowman, John Halle, Toby Kinge ..... William Burd, John Hasele, Rafe Davise, John Webbe, John Hannome, Richard (?Forde) Watere Webbe, William Webbe, William Prattante, Richard Joanse, John ..... William Veale of Chew, John Lukinne, Robarte Gooddinow, Thomase Crosmane, Richarde Loscume alias Puffare, Thomas Kinge, John Heale, Henrie Holbrooke, Riched Purnell, Rogare Shorborne, Thomas Honte, Thomas Brooke, Thomase Dow, Gilese Stibbine, John Wade, William Burde, Toby Babur, Thomase Pope, ... Joanse, Harie Heale, John Veale, John Barbar,..... Thomas Addams, John Poole, Richarde Collings, John Hill,..... .....Thomas Horte, John Burde, Water House..... Harie Holbrook, Richard Toovie, John Hedgese."

The following notes may be made on the foregoing document.

1. "Old Auster or Aster."

This expression is of frequent occurrence in the Deeds and Court Rolls of Somerset. But I am not aware that the origin of it, or its etymology, has been traced and defined. I should be glad if I could aid its definition by the matter of this note. In the Deed now printed, "The old Aster" is evidently used to distinguish certain ancient tenements, from others in the tenure of the Lords of Manors, and to express a tenure of greater freedom than that pertaining to the Demesnes. I would also call attention to the point, that in the said Deed "Demesnes" and "overlands" are treated as identical. I suppose this could come to pass, through *Demesnes* pointing to the tenure of certain lands in the hands of the *Dominus*, and *overlands* expressing the same in reference to those lands being worked (deriving thus the word "*over*" from *ouvrir*) by the "Avers" of the Lord—the Lord's own Beasts—? hence also Averlands. But now for the distinctive expression *Old Auster* or *Aster*. What is a Tenement of the Old Aster? I think the epithet "old" need not be discussed: it is simply and naturally applied to an ancient tenure. The point of our enquiry rests then on Auster or Aster. To assist in the elucidation of this term, an antiquary has most kindly furnished some data and expressed his opinion, by which I am much aided in what follows:

From the Bleadon Cartulary (copy)

Averagium = ouvrage = a beast of burden = Affer.

Averlonde = one acre of stubble for feed of affer "De meliori stipula frumentea," quam Dominus habet in hamis ad pascendum affrum suum, et vocatus averlonde.

So much from this source on what Auster is not. Now from the same source bearing on what it is.

"Astrasius" = The holder of an *Aistre* or *Auster* Tenement.

Now we have from Norm. Dict. Aistre *als* Estre AN. Aistre equivalent to a House. It is still common in the Midlands for *hearth* or fireplace. Auster = hearth.

Further from Wells Cathedral MSS.

p. 160. A.D. 1392. "Joh. Mayhu pro 12 acris terre *edificat. de Antiquo* Astro iiij s.

p. 199. License to annex in Leases "Overland als Demenelond" to the lands de antiquo Astro.

There would seem then to exist considerable evidence that the old Auster or Aster was a Tenement having its own House and hearth, and that it is derivable from *estiarium* and ἑστία, ? or Vesta; and Williams, in his Law of Real Property, lays it down that a house was an essential part of an early or Domesday tenure. The Tenement of old Auster must not be limited to house only (as Chaucer and his Esters). It evidently included Lands, and that not exceptionally. One of the formulated Customs of Court Baron of the Vicarage Manor of Chew, (derived no doubt from the Customs of Copyhold Courts in the Diocese of Wells) No. X., runs thus, and throws light on our subject:—

"If two or three Copyholders have in time out of mind been passed in the Court under one copy and the grounds belonging to the Averie old Asters cannot be sealed by the true knowledge of the Tenants, the said old Asters cannot be divided and passed by several copies.

Here "grounds" [lands] are distinctly spoken of, and the true knowledge of them is to be ascertained and sealed, in reference to the averie old Aster. I know it is the opinion of some that the Tenants of the old Aster were the descendants of the Villani, Cottarii, and Bordarii of Domesday, who held their lands in perpetuity subject only to certain dues and rights on the part of the lord.

2. Elizabeth, Countess of Shrewsburie.

This is the famous Building Bess of Hardwicke. She was a woman of extraordinary beauty and ability: was four times married (her third husband being Sir William St. Lo) and survived all her husbands. She died the widow of George Earl of Shrewsbury in 1607, aged 87. Sir Wm. St. Lo left her all his estates, among which would be the property at Sutton. It was predicted that she would live as long as she was engaged in building; under these

circumstances we are not surprised to find that part of Sutton Court was erected by her. It is now the property of Sir Edward Strachey, Bart.

3. YARD LANDS IN CHEWSTOKE.

The numbers are now faded out, but they must have been visible some forty years ago, for there was found rolled in the Deed, when it came to hand recently, some computations on paper made by a previous owner, and among these the yard lands of Chewstoke are set down as twenty six.

4. THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE here spoken of was no doubt Sir John Popham; born at Huntworth; educated at Balliol College, Oxford; successively Serjeant-at-Law, Solicitor General, and Attorney General, temp. Q. Eliz. and K. James; and ultimately Lord Chief Justice of England. He died 10th June, 1607, aged 76. His tomb is at Wellington. The Somerset seat of the Pophams is not within the hundred affected by the Deed but at Hunstrete (commonly called Hound Street) in the parish of Marksbury. The lands pertaining to it, however, lie within Chelwood and Sutton, parishes within the hundred of Chew.

5. MR. JOHN BABER, D.D. was buried at Chew the v^th^daie of Maie 1606. (Par. Reg.)

6. FRANCIS BABER, ESQ., who supports the cause of the petitioners by his signature along with Barnabas Samborne, Esq., was the son of Edward Baber, Esq., of Chew, Serjeant-at-Law [M.I. at Chew] by Catherine dau. of Sir Thos. Leigh of Stone Leigh. He was born 1565 and died Sept. 9, 1643, leaving issue by Ann (née Whitmore) his wife. F.J.P.

129. SOMERSET FAIRS (III. xxiv. 328, IV. xxv. 9.)—

Sept. 21st, 1896. I have this day been told by an old inhabitant of Milton-Clevedon that Bruton Veäst is always held on the Sunday after Sept. 19. Now in the Old Style Sept. 19th would be Sept. 8th, the Feast of the Nativity of the B.V.M.

This takes us back to the second of the two yearly fairs granted in 1533 to the Abbot and Convent of Bruton (see III. xxiv. 328.) Sept. 17th of Whitaker's Almanac (see IV. xxv. 9) is evidently an error for Sept. 19th. At what date did the Sunday after the festival begin to be observed in lieu of the proper day? F. W. WEAVER.

130. BALCH OF BRIDGWATER.—Robert Balch of Bridgwater, merchant, was M.P. for that town from 1692 to 1695. He died in 1705. George Balch Esq, (? his son) was M.P. for the same place from 1701 till 1710, and was living in 1736. Robert Balch Esq, represented Bridgwater for a few months in 1753-4. Any particulars respecting these M.P.'s will be acceptable.

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ANCIENT PAVED FORD, STOCK GAYLARD.

131. ANCIENT PAVED FORD, STOCK GAYLARD, DORSET.—In the latter part of July and the beginning of August last the workmen employed by Mr. Merthyr Guest, in excavating for the foundations of a hunting bridge (to replace a decayed wooden structure) at the spot where a path from Stock Gaylard to Stourton Caundle crosses the brook which divides these parishes, came upon a rude stone pavement at some depth below the present surface of the ground.

This pavement consisted of flints and stones (the latter evidently rounded at the edges by the action of water) roughly fitted together, but apparently with mortar, and extended across the stream and under the silt or clay on either side. From the surface of the ground to the pavement is a depth of 8 ft. 6 in.,—the lowest stratum of the silt, which is included in this measurement, being 2 ft. 6 in. On this pavement the foundations of the new bridge have been laid. Upon sounding with an iron bar, the pavement was found to extend some little way further down the stream. Fragments of sodden wood, one resembling the handle of an axe, came to light in the lower stratum of the silt, and a pony's iron shoe, but the report that a human bone was found is incorrect.

The probable explanation of this discovery is that the pavement marks the site of a paved ford of very early date. At the present day there is, however, no right of way for the passage of carts or horses, but only for foot passengers. The average depth of the water above the pavement is about 3 feet. The builder of the bridge, Mr. Cook of Stourton Caundle, states that he recently found a similar pavement when building a bridge at Fifehead Neville in this county.

The measurements above noted were taken by the Rev. J. H. Wilkinson, rector of Stock Gaylard, and the illustration is from a photograph kindly supplied by Mr. J. H. Wilkes of Marsh Court, Caundle Marsh. The latter shows (1) the pavement, on the right edge of the brook. (2) The foundations of one abutment of the bridge in course of being built upon it (to the left of the picture) with some workmen's tools. (3) The sides of the excavation, in which the lower stratum of silt is marked by its darker colour.

EDITOR FOR DORSET.

132. WEDDING CUSTOM AT BRATTON ST. MAUR, SOMERSET.—A correspondent writes that at a wedding in the church of this little village in November last, while the service was going on, one of the party slipped out and placed on the seat in the porch a whole long row of *baby shoes!* As no rice was thrown, this display of shoes may be the latest fashion. It may, however, be a remembrance of an old custom. Can readers of *S. & D. N. & Q.* inform us?

C.P.

133. DORSET CHRISTMAS CAROLS (III. xviii. 67, xix. 118, xx. 141, xxi. 204, xxii. 255, xxiii. 228, IV. xxvi. 52, xxvii. 81, xxviii. 146, xxx. 226, xxxii. 311.)—The following completes the series of traditional carols in use at Long Burton at the present day. Δ.

ALL GLORY TO GOD.

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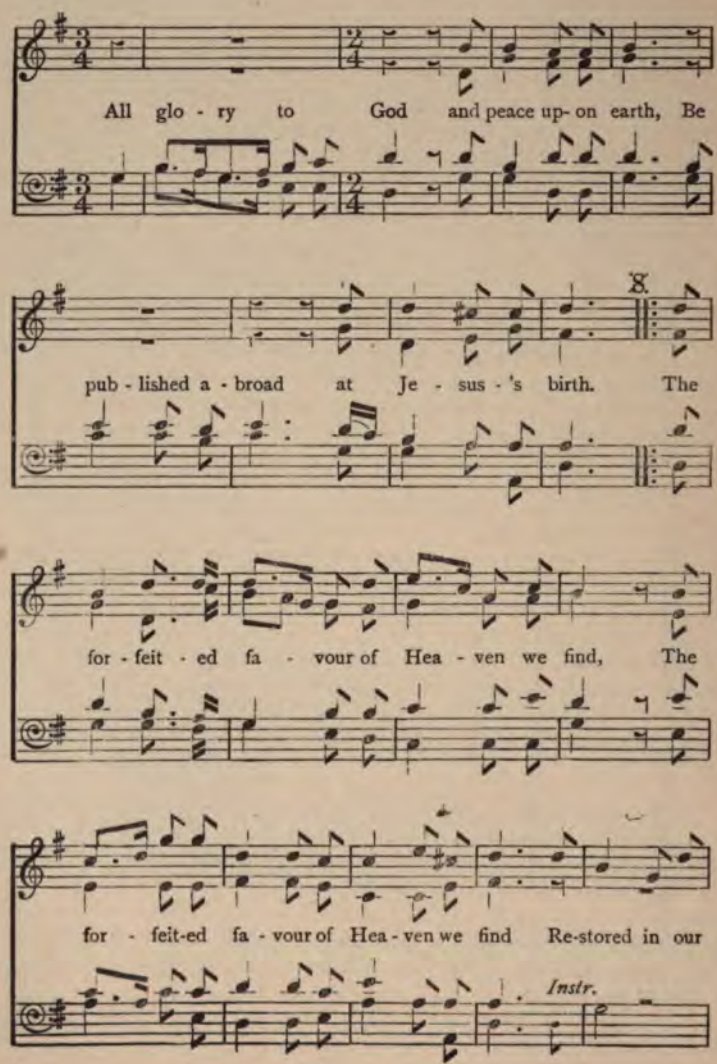

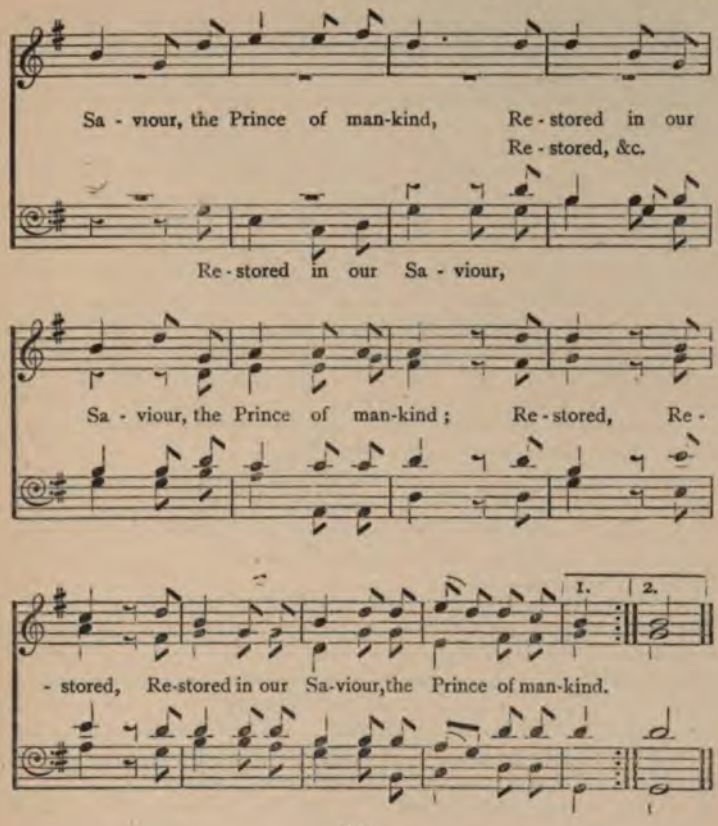

II.

Our newly-born King by faith we have seen,
And joyfully sing of His goodness to men,
That all men may wonder at what we impart,
And thankfully ponder His love in their heart.

III.

What moved the Most High so greatly to stoop?
He came from the skies our souls to lift up;
That sinners, forgiven, may sinless return
To God and to Heaven—our Saviour was born,

IV.

Then let us behold Messiah, the Lord,
By Prophets foretold and by Angels adored;
Let every believer his mercy implore,
And praise Him for ever when time is no more.

134. TRINITY SCHOOL, DORCHESTER.—In 1889 I inserted in *Notes and Queries*, but without result, a short notice about the above School.

In Hutchins' *Dorset*, Vol. 1, p. 611, Appendix, it is stated as follows:—

"*The Under School at Trinity in Dorchester.*

A new School was erected and founded by the incorporation and townsmen about the year 1623, and the cost of building and furnishing was about one hundred pounds. The old house and grounds formerly belonged to the Trinity parish, the new house was built by the benevolence of the inhabitants, and is at the disposing of the Corporation to put in what Schoolmaster they shall think fit, to be removed upon just occasion, and the said schoolmaster and his successors are to undergo such order and government as Mr. White (then rector of Trinity) and Mr. Cheek (then master of the free school) and their successors shall think fit, being a subordinate school under the free school to train up boys and prepare them for the said free school.

Schoolmasters:

April, 1628. Aquila Purchis.
March, 1632. Christopher Gould.
Oct., 1668. Gabriel Gould."

and in Vol. 1, page 382,

"Four Marks per annum were paid to the Master by the Corporation for the training and preparing of six boys for the free school till about 1700 when Sir Nathanail Napper of More Critchel rebuilt the house with the promise of an endownment of £20 per annum. The Corporation then withdrew their benefaction, and no salary being substituted, the masters from that time have continued to teach the boys and support the house without the assistance of the townsmen or any other person."

This could hardly have been the case as the *Charity Commissioners' Reports*, Vol. xxix, part 1, pp. 15 and 16, say,

"Joan Gould by will bearing date 4th Nov., 1630, directed that Gilbert Loder within two years after her decease pay to the mayor bailiffs, aldermen and burgesses of the borough £28-6-8, to be employed for the benefit of the new school lately erected in the parish of Holy Trinity towards maintaining the Schoolmaster."

In 1715 Mrs. Ann Napier leaves funds to the Trinity School and in 1737 Mary Strangwayes and Lora Pitt make bequests to the same School.

In 1740 Hussey Floyer directs her executors to place out money on Government or other security, the produce to be applied to maintaining this school; in 1814 I read that Mr. Strickland neglected to obtain the dividends and after his death 11½ years' dividends, amounting to £99 19s. 0d., were received. It would therefore appear that the Trinity school was not in want of funds, (whatever the financial condition of the Grammar School was),

and after existing for 250 years its bequests were by the Charity Commissioners with Royal approval in 1879 handed over to the Dorchester Free Grammar School. It seems impossible that this school should be without records of its Masters, scholars or work, yet such appears to be the case.

I have ascertained that Aquila Purchis, the 1st Master after the rebuilding of the school, sailed for New England in Feb., 1632; Christopher Gould was then appointed, and on his death in 1668, Gabriel Gould became master, in 1693 he was succeeded by his son, John Gould, who retained the office until his death in 1739. In his will he directs that he shall be buried as near his school-house door as possible (the burying ground of Holy Trinity Church extended to the old school house). I may add that John Gould's daughter Mary married Joseph Swaffield who was three times Mayor of Weymouth in 1745, 1752, 1764, and Samuel Gould his brother was a much-respected bookseller in Dorchester and a great friend of Dr. Cuming.

From 1739 to 1872 can anyone help me with the names and dates of the masters? The following are mentioned as being school-masters residing in Dorchester, viz., Daniel Glisson, died 1749; William Watson, Mr. Zillwood, Mr. Bryer; some of these were possibly masters of the National School which I believe was founded in 1812.

The great fire that occurred in Dorchester in 1613 doubtless destroyed the original town school, owing to its proximity to Holy Trinity Church which perished, and the note in Hutchins's *History of Dorset* and *Charity Commissioners' Reports* would lead me to suppose that the building erected in 1623 (see G. Whiteway's diary, University Library, Cambridge MS. D. d., xi. 73, 1623. Trinity School built) was on the site of the original old town school, as it is stated that the old house and grounds formerly belonged to the Trinity parish. The Grammar School, founded by Thomas Hardy in 1579, also doubtless existed as one of the Dorchester schools prior to this date, and it would be interesting to know something more of these two schools during the sixteenth century. Is history absolutely silent as to the two principal schools of the county town of Dorset?

In conclusion I shall be very grateful if readers of *S. & D. N. & Q.* can assist me with any information about the schools or the Masters, particularly concerning the Trinity School or the ancestors of Christopher or Gabriel Gould.

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135. POWELL FAMILY OF WILTON, NEAR TAUNTON. (IV. xxxii. 292, V. xxxiii. 30).—The *Taunton Courier* published on Wednesday, December 20th, 1837, gives an interesting account of the discovery "last week" while some improvements were

being carried out in Wilton Church, of an immense stone coffin in a vault behind the pulpit. It was 7 feet 9 inches in length, 2 feet 11 inches in width and 2 feet in depth. The cover was upwards of 6 inches in thickness, and its weight nearly half a ton. A lion rampant appeared on its upper portion in *basso relievo* above which in slight *alto relievo* was the figure of a human skull supported by cross bones and an hour glass. The lettering could be but imperfectly deciphered, but the following was traceable :—Inhocsep Ich | Roiacetcorpus | Georgii powell | De Wiltone in | Comitavsoset | Generosiquiobiit | Die Mensis | Ano Dni | Nolimetangere | Propietate & Amore—which (says the writer) may be thus rendered, "In this coffin lies the body of George Powell of Wilton, in the County of Somerset, gentleman, who died *anno domini*—Forbear to touch me for piety and love. The date of the month and year of Mr. Powell's decease is obliterated. Leaden cisterns bearing the crests of lions rampant are still met with at Cutcliff in the same parish, where probably the deceased resided between three and four centuries ago." The body having been enclosed in a stone coffin probably led the editor astray in assigning a remoter period to Mr. Powell's existence than the discovery of subsequent facts proved to have been the actual case. In the following week's issue (Dec. 27) it is stated under "Exhumation at Wilton" that the "body buried in the stone coffin discovered in Wilton Church near this town" was that of "George Powell of Cutless (Cutcliff) in that village, gentleman, &c., whose will Mr. A. Kinglake, the Registrar of the Court of the Archdeacon, has obligingly allowed us to inspect," &c., made the 5th of May, 1683—proved 10th Dec., 1684. Mr. Powell was the lord of the manor of Fons George in the same parish. In this last issue of the same local newspaper appears a letter signed R.L. who states that the "armorial bearing of which vestiges are to be traced on the coffin" was, quoting Gwillim's *Display of Heraldry*, folio of 1724, similar to that *assigned* by Robert Cook, Clarencieux, in the year 1584 to John Powell, Surveyor General of all her Majesty's Ordnance within the realms of England and Ireland Esquire, third son of Andrew Powell of Brewton, in the county of Somerset," &c. Of the Heralds' Visitation of the County of Somerset in the year 1672 referred to in Mr. P. S. P. Conner's query in the last number of *S. & D. N. & Q.* no copy or duplicate appears at the present time to exist.

In the inventory attached to the Will of Mr. George Powell, 43 sheep were valued at £25 ; 3 cows and 2 heifers £21 ; 11 oxen and steers £70 ; a nag £4 and 13 swine at £14. Wilton formerly belonged to the Priory of Taunton. In the tax roll of Somerset in the year 1327 it is called Fons Prioris. The church of Wilton is dedicated to St. George, not far from which was a spring said to have been intermittent and therefore regarded with a certain amount of superstition. The manor changed in name from

Fons Prioris to that of Fons George, but the village itself has long been known as Wilton or the ton or dwelling by the Well.

ALFRED JOHN MONDAY.

[In the first part of the inscription I should evidently be *l*: and it reads In hoc sep[u]lchro, &c.—EDITOR FOR SOMERSET.]

136. 'THE SHRINE OF ST. CANDIDA.' (IV. xxxii. 297. V. xxxiii. 19).—I venture to suggest that the reputed 'Shrine of St. Candida' in the Church at Whitechurch Canonicorum is in reality the "*clausura et altare*" erected about 1410 over the ancestors of Sir John Cary, Knt. of Blountshay in Whitechurch, in accordance with the directions in the will of Dame Johana Cary his widow.

Her will is dated 4th Nov., 1409. Proved 24th Jan., 1409-10 [P.C.C. 20 Marche]. In it she desires to be buried in one of the aisles of the monastery church of Abbotsbury, by the side of her husband Sir John Cary. Whitchurch gets the handsomest legacies, viz.:—to the fabric of Whitchurche xx^{s}—to the vicar there xx^{s} for tithes forgotten—to the same church a chalice and a missal—for a priest to celebrate at the same church for the souls of her and her husband and for the souls of all the faithful departed for the space of five years xxv^{li}—and then she directs as follows:—"*Item lego xxvj s viij d pro quadam clausura et Altare faciend' ib'm sup' antecessores Johannis Cary.*" Legacies to Marshwood and Bettescombe show that no other Whitechurch is meant. What then should we expect to find erected at Whitechurch Canonicorum in accordance with these directions in the will? Certainly we should expect to see early 15th Century work on the top of tombs of earlier date. Now this is just what is to be seen in the 'shrine.' Beneath is a 13th century altar tomb; on the top of this is placed a 14th century stone coffin, and the whole was formerly painted with decoration, which Hutchins dates as circa 1400.

The conclusion seems to be that the 'Shrine' is in reality a monument to the ancestors of Sir John Cary and was placed in its present position about 1410. The stone coffin probably contains the bones of Thomas Cary or Alice his wife which Thomas and Alice Cary held the manor of Blundelshay and other lands in Whitechurch and Marshwood 3 Edward III. Whom does the altar tomb beneath contain? The Carys were doubtless a branch of the Carys of Castle Cary and I conjecture that the two shields of arms charged with a cross fleury which were on the tomb in the time of Hutchins were the ancient arms of Cary. Will any one be so good as to look this matter up as I have not the means of doing so at present?

R.G.B.

[According to Burke's *Armory*, the arms of Cary of Castle Cary, Somerset, ancestor of the Carys of Cockington, Clovelly, Marldon, Torr Abbey, and Follaton, Devon, were *Arg. on a bend sa. three roses of the field.*—EDITOR FOR SOMERSET.]

137. BABER FAMILY.—The following Wills of this family may be interesting.

Elizabeth Baber of Timsbury, gentlewoman. Will dated 30 April, 1588. To the poor of Timsbury 3s. 4d. To the repairs of the church there 3s. 4d. Dau. Mary certain articles at the parsonage of Timsbury and £40, £20 of which were left by her father's will, when 21 years old. Residuary legatee and executor her son John Baber. Overseers Mr. Watts p'son of Priston, and the brother of testatrix Swithane Samborne, p'son of Timsbury.

Wells Registry. No seal or probate.

William Baber of Chewstoke, will dated 28 April, 1571. To be bur. in the churchyard of Chewstoke. Names John Hitchcocks, Gilbert Baber, Charles Smith, Jone Hoskins, John Mattocke, Elizabeth Mattocke. Sisters Isabel, Agnes and Jone Baber. John Baber. 'My mother' to be executrix and residuary legatee. Brother John with Mr. Edward Baber and John King "to have the same care and oversight of the children John and Elizabeth Mattocke as I had." Proved 12 May, 1571.

Wells Registry. ———

Richard Baber of Newton S. Loe, yeoman. Will dated 1 March 1620. To be bur. in the church of Newton S. Loe. Poor of Markesbury Houndstreet. To wife ground called Balacres, after her death to dau. Sarah and her children. Son in law John Richmond, clerk, and his wife. Kingswoman Elizabeth Hodges. Overseers son in law John Richmond and William Atwood. Residuary legatee and executrix wife Margaret. Proved 1 Jan. 1624.

Wells Registry. ——

George Baber of Markesbury, yeoman. Will dated 22 Feb. 1636. Wife Alice. Sister Joane Popple. Dau's first child £10, and to said dau. Elizabeth Hardwick £10. To the poor of Markesbury in augmentation of the sum that Richard Baber late of Newton S. Loe gave. Neighbours John Court, and Robert Mercer overseers. Proved 9 Feb. 1638 by Elizabeth Hardwick dau. and executrix.

Wells Registry. ———

Edward Baber of Newton S. Loe, husbandman. Will dated 18 Nov. 1646. Son Richard Baber, and his dau. Mary Baber. Dau. Dennys Baber. Dau. Anne Baber. Son Edward Baber. Samuel, son of the said Anne Baber. Godson Edward Simons son of Robert Simons, senr. Goddau. Agnes dau. of George Brookman. Residue to wife Joane Baber. Joseph Baber a witness. Proved 30 Nov. 1648.

Wells Registry. ———

John Baber of Newton S. Loe, gent. Will dated 30 Sept. 1693. Is seized in fee simple of a messuage in Clayes end in

Newton S. Loe where he dwells, with lands tenements and heriditaments in Newton S. Loe, Englishcombe and Twiverton als. Twerton, allotted to him on a division with Mr. John Gay; these to go to his wife Joyce for life, if she pay to his nephew John Baber of the city of London, gent., son of his brother Joseph Baber late of Corston, clerk, £10 yearly; after the death of the said Joyce the lands, &c. to go to testator's brother Benjamin Baber, Alderman of Bath and woollen draper, for his life. Remainder of interest in the said lands &c. to said nephew John Baber and his heirs. Niece Elizabeth Baber. John and Ann Baber, son and dau. of nephew Francis Baber. Kinsman William Dower of Avonend, Somerset. Sister in law Baber of Bath. Brother in law Edward Weeks. Proved 31 Oct. 1696.

Wells Registry.

Joseph Baber of Corston, clerk. Will dated 23 Dec. 1675. Is seized in fee (as of the parthage of John Gay, gent.) of half of a tenement called Stacks in Newton S. Loe, which is to go to his eldest son Francis Baber and to his heirs, but failing his issue, then to testator's second and youngest son John Baber, failing his issue, to testator's right heirs. The next presentation to the Rectory of Newton S. Loe to wife Ann Baber, as granted to testator by Sir Christopher Nevill, Knt. and Bart., and Richard Nevill, Esq., his son and heir. Dau. Elizabeth. No date of proof. Inventory dated 10 Feb. 1675. Seal. *A chev. between three mullets.* Crest. *A cock*; with helmet and mantling. These are the arms of Samborne and crest of Baber to whom the Baber family were related.

Wells Registry.

Benjamin Baber, Alderman of Bath. Will dated 28 March, 1705. Elizabeth Perry (late Elizabeth Baber.) Hannah Baber dau. of Francis Baber late of Bristol, wine cooper dec., £100. Kinsman Mr. Richard Ford of Bath, apothecary, and Mr. Thomas Bushell of Bath, vintner each £5. Estate in fee simple to kinsman John Baber of London, gent. (son of Mr. Joseph Baber) and his heirs. Proved 23 June, 1705.

Seal. Arms in an oval, *On a fess three eagles heads erased. In chief a mullet for the diff. of a third son.* Crest. *A cock rousant.* With helmet and mantling.

Wells Registry.

Roger Baber of Corston, gent. Will dated 15 Nov. 1682. Sister Eleanor Baber, a house, garden, orchard and land in Corston, with tenements in Chew for life, after to testator's cousins Elizabeth and Eleanor Baber for life, after to cousin Roger Baber. Cousin Edward Baber 5s. Cousin Ann Baber six pewter dishes and two pewter candlesticks. Sister Eleanor Baber and cousin Roger Baber executors. Cousin Robert Baber overseer. Proved

22 Feb. 1682-3. Inventory dated 16 Jan. 1682-3, its total amount £197 5s. 0d.

Wells Registry.

Roger Baber of Bristol, tailor. Will dated 6 March, 1703-4. Dau. Mary 1/- Dau. Eleanor all the goods in the house, with the remainder of the term of the lease of the house, garden and orchard in the parish of Corston, with eight acres of land in the lane going down to the Haven in Corston, with all rents due in Corston. Proved 5 June, 1705.

Wells Registry.

Robert Baber of Bath, gent. Will dated 24 April, 1640. To the church of SS. Peter and Paul 20s. Poor 20s. Whereas Thomas Samborne of Timsbury Esq. by pole deed 23 May 7 K. Ch. granted to the testator and to his brother Edward Baber, the patronage of Timsbury, he gives to his eldest son Edward Baber, clerk, the next presentation thereto. Mary Baber and Elizabeth Baber daus. of the said Rev. Edw. Baber. To son Robert Baber £40 and to his dau. Mary Baber £10. To son Roger Baber two tenements, orchard &c. in Corston, and a piece of land in Saltford, he to provide for testator's wife Priscilla in his house for life. Brother Francis Baber Esq. owes £500. Brother Edward Baber. Cousin William Blanchard, gent. Proved 12 June, 1640.

Wells Registry.

Francis Baber of Chew Magna, gent. Will dated 17 March, 1675. Kinswoman and goddau. Ann Baber. Kinswoman Eleanor Baber. Three kinsmen Roger Baber, Edward Baber and Robert Baber. Kinsman Mr. William Gatcom and his three children. Wife Mary Baber. No date of proof. Inventory dated 2 May, 1676, total amount £587 15s. 10d.

Wells Registry.

Richard Baber the elder of Aldwick in Blagdon, yeoman. Will dated 9 Dec. 1658. Wife Barbara Baber a tenement, orchard &c. for her widowhood, where testator lives. Son William Baber and his three children, Son John Baber and his four children. Son Thomas Baber. Son George and his four children, and his dau. Sarah. Grandson Thomas Baber son of testator's son Edward. Son Edward a gilt spoon with the letters F.B. Elizabeth dau. of the said Edward Baber. Dau. Alice Thatcher. Dau. Jane Yeales, and three children of Richard Yeales. Samuel son of Sarah dau. of Richard Baber, testator's son. Son Richard Baber to be residuary legatee and executor. Overseers Christopher Baber testator's brother, and son Edward Baber. Proved 16 Oct., 1662. Total of Inventory £288 10s. 0d.

Wells Registry.

Richard Baber of Aldwick in Blagdon gent. Will dated 17 Oct. 1701. Wife Mary Baber £10. Son-in-law John Etwell

M.D. and his w. Sarah testator's dau. £10. Grandson William Baber £20 if he relinquish to his brother John Baber, all his right and interest in a certain close called Mill Leaze. Grandson Edward Baber £150 if he relinquish to his brother John Baber, all his right and interest in Mill leaze. Granddau. Mary Baber £150 at 21. Brother George Baber £6 a year. Poor of Blagdon £5. Dau.-in-law Elizabeth Lawle a gold piece of 21s. To grandson John Baber Mill Leaze in Kingston Seymour. Brothers William Baber and Edward Baber. Proved 7 April, 1705.

Wells Registry.

John Baber of Gesper co. Somers husbandman. Will dated 28 Feb. 1661. To be bur. in the churchyard of Stortone (Gasper in Somerset but belongs to the parish of Stourton, Wilts). Son Nicholas Baber and his dau. Dau. Eade Baber a lease late bought of Richard Charlton, paying 40s. to Frances Case. Son Edward Baber to pay £12 to his sister Grace Baber, also £10 to Frances Case, and £20 to testator's wife Annes Baber. No date of proof. Inventory dated 11 March, 1661, its total £68 12s. 0d.

Wells Registry,

William Baber, the elder of Twiverton yeoman. Will undated. To be buried in the churchyard of Twiverton. To that church 6s. 8d. The four children now living of William Baber late deceased, viz., Richard, Thomas, Sarah and Mary £40 each at 21. Christopher s. of Christopher Cornish who married testator's dau. Mary 40s. Furniture, &c., of the house to Mary Baber widow of William Baber late deceased, but if she remarry then to her son Thomas Baber; to each of the dau's of the said Mary, viz., Susan Millrocks and Edith Baylie £12. Said dau. in law Mary Baber to be executrix. Overseers Richard Davis als. Tryherne, and Thomas Guydon. Proved 22 July, 1635.

Wells Registry.

Florence Baber of Regelbury co. Somerset, Widow. Will dated 3 April, 1713. To kinsman Sir Halswell Tynte, Bart. and his heirs the Manors and Lordships of Chew Magna, Regelbury, Pensford and Axbridge, land called Kingslands in Nempnett, with the tithes &c., of Nempnett, Trubwell, Wrington, Berrington and Blagdon had from testatrix late husband Edward Baber Esq. To Mr. Joseph Yate £500 borrowed. Kinswoman Martha Stocker, da. of Joseph Stocker grocer by Martha his late wife £2000 to remain at interest until she is 21. Estates in remainder to testatrix next brother John Tynte and after to her younger brother Charles Tynte. Kinsman Thomas Bourne gent. s. of Edmund Bourne late of Road Esq., deceased and his heirs the manor of Gothelney which came to testatrix from Roger Bourne Esq., her late Father; with remainder to John Bourne s. of Henry Bourne late of Charlinch, gent. dec. Kinswoman Mrs. Martha and Mrs. Mary Hooke each £100. Kinswomen Sarah, Elizabeth, Susanna, and Ann Bourne

daus. of Gilbert Bourne Esq. dec. £100 each. Cousin Mr. Robert Knight and his sister Mrs. Ann Knight, £100 each. To Eleanor Baker of Bristol spinster £100. To aunt Mrs. Frances Butler w. of Mr. Robert Butler, Minister of God's word £50. Sarah Bourne relict of Henry Bourne late of Charlinch £50. To the parish of Chew Magna £100.

Commission issued 17 Jan. 1714. Will proved 2 Sept., 1715.

Seal, arms. *On a fess three eagle's heads erased*, imp. quarterly 1 and 4 *Lozengy*. 2 and 3 *on a chev. three roundells*. Crest. *a cock*. With helmet and mantling. The dexter coat and the crest is that of Baber, but the impalement is certainly not the arms of Bourne, and it is difficult to account for the impaled coats.

The will of Edward Baber of Regelbury in Nempnet dated 8 Jan. 1705-6 and proved by the above Florence his widow 5 May, 1711 is noticed in Mr. Brown's Somerset Wills, as also that of Florence here given, but this corrects it in one or two points and adds the arms on the seal.

Wells Registry.

In the foregoing wills although some clues are missing at present to establish a connected pedigree yet there are indications of their being all of the same stock. They are also interesting as showing the close connection between the gentry and trade, and the slight distinction between the lesser gentry and the yeomen, the latter designation being sometimes used by men entitled to arms, and who used them on their seal. The use of a seal with the arms of Samborne and the crest of Baber by the Rev. Joseph Baber of Corston is a singular error.

Mr. John Baber and Mrs. Elizabeth Walrond were married 5 Oct. 1623. Vide Ashill Par: Reg: Bishop's Trans:—

John Richmond, clerk and Sarah da. of Richard Baber married..... 1616, at Newton S. Loe. Vide Bishop's Trans:—

Sir Richard Hill and Elizabeth da. of Francis Baber of Chew Magna, Esq., married 12 Aug. 1623. Vide Bishop's Trans.

A. J. JEWERS.

138. DORSET GHOST STORIES.—The following stories may be acceptable to our readers at the present Christmas season. They are taken from "*Strange Things among us*," by H. Spicer. 2nd edit., London, 1864, pp. 119-130.

"The lady to whom the writer is indebted for the first of these examples, embodying an experience of her own, belongs to an old distinguished family—a name, were it permissible to mention it—probably familiar to most of the readers of this work. The narrative will be given almost literally in her own words.

On the 14th of May, 18—, I was at W—— near Weymouth. The house is a very old one. and has peculiarities of construction, some of which, in order to make my story clear, I must endeavour to explain.

The great drawing-room up stairs is a singularly shaped

apartment, having the door in one corner, and opposite to a large window opening on the balcony.

On the left hand side of the door is one opening into a very small room, so small as almost to be termed a closet, having a window divided in the centre by a stone mullion, and a small place where there has once stood an altar, with a recess for holy water, proving that the little chamber had been formerly used as an oratory. The window looks down, at a great elevation, upon a flagged courtyard, and is over what was in former days, the chapel, now used as a pantry. From this oratory there are no means of exit, save through the drawing-room.

The door of the drawing-room opens on to a small landing, having the old winding stone staircase on the right; and facing the door, is a wide corridor, on to which open all the bedrooms.

My daughter-in-law, being rather an invalid, had been reclining all day on the sofa in the drawing-room. Towards dusk, I was in the bedroom with the children, and, leaving it to prepare for tea, met my daughter-in-law coming from the drawing-room. Standing on the landing, she asked me the way to the morning-room, and I had just pointed down the winding stairs, when I caught sight of a man, tall, and with grey hair, passing across the drawing-room, from the fire towards the wall by the oratory. He passed between me and the lamp, which stood on the table near the window, and brightly lit up the whole room. I enquired who was the stranger that had been with her in the drawing-room. My daughter, with some surprise, denied that anyone had come in; and presently left me. Conceiving, however, that she must have been mistaken, I remained where I was, every moment expecting that the man, whoever he might be, would come out, and, when I found he did not do so, wondering whither he could have betaken himself, since he appeared to me to walk straight up to the wall, and (though the oratory door remained closed) there disappeared. My first idea was that he was a robber, who proposed to conceal himself somewhere about the rooms, and I consequently determined to watch him.

Observing no place of concealment in the drawing-room, I went at once to the oratory, and cautiously unclosing the door, looked in, half expecting to find myself grasped by the discovered marauder. No one was there! Having searched every corner, and ascertained that no human being could have escaped by the window, I returned to the drawing-room, and, going out on the landing, still watching the door, I called to one of the young ladies of the house, and asked her laughingly if she had ever seen a ghost in the house.

"Never," was the reply, "but you know that there *is* one!"

I had never heard so, but I now declared that I had certainly seen it, and that not many minutes since.

My friend laughed, and said:—

"You don't mean to say you have seen the old man?"

"What old man?"

"Our ghost!"

I described his appearance, and the manner in which he had so strangely vanished. Miss M—— appeared much struck, and proposed a closer search, whereupon we lit our candles, and examined systematically every corner of the drawing-room, the oratory, and the balcony, but without success.

I am not what is called a believer in ghosts. I never before saw anything I could not account for, nor can I perceive any use or purpose in what I saw that evening. I only know I *did* see it, and that, standing in a dusky coridor, and looking straight into a well-lighted room, I cannot conceive that I was the subject of any optical illusion. As the face of the figure was averted, I cannot give a minute description of it, but the apparition was so natural and palpable, that the last thing that occurred to me was that it might be "a dream of the feverished brain."

We had just concluded our scrutiny, when the gentlemen, who had been smoking on the lawn, came upstairs, and were informed of what had occurred. One of the party immediately declared that it was *the* ghost of W——, and, upon my pressing for further information, related that most extraordinary story, given, as I have been told, in an earlier edition of Hutchins' "*History of Dorset*," an exceedingly rare book, the greater part of the impression having been destroyed by fire, at the publisher's.

W——, in 1660, was in the possession of Mr. Rickard. This gentleman was lying on what was expected to be his death-bed, when, one day, addressing his wife, who sat at his bedside, he begged her to leave him alone for a few minutes with the reverend rector of the parish, Mr. Bound, who was likewise in the room.

As soon as she had quitted them, Mr. R——— directed his friend's attention towards the foot of the bed, asking, at the same time, in a mysterious tone:—

"Do you hear what the old man is saying?" Unable to comprehend him, Mr. Bound looked with amazement at the speaker, when the latter calmly requested him to bring pen, ink, and paper and commit to writing what he was about to hear."

The reverend minister obeyed, when Mr. Rickard with the manner of one following the dictation of another sitting at the foot of the bed, pronounced the following prophecy:—

"In the year 1665, more than ninety thousand persons will perish in London of one disease."

"In the succeeding year, there will occur a fire in London that the lead on the roof of Paul's will pour down like rain."

"On the 11th of June, 1685, a person will land west of Weymouth, who shall be the cause of great calamity and blood-shed, and involve many leading families of the west in trouble and ruin." (Monmouth's rebellion.)

"In 1688, events will come to pass that shall entirely change the constitution of this land.

"And that you may know that what I tell you is true, though you are to-day supposed to be in a dying state, and unable to leave your bed, you will to-morrow be well enough to rise, and walk out upon your terraces. While there, you will receive three unlooked-for visits, one from a gentleman from Ireland, one from a person from Jersey, and one from your own son, whom you believe to be far distant abroad, and whom you had not hoped again to see."

Thus ran this extraordinary communication; and, accordingly on the following morning, the invalid really found himself so much better, that he was able to walk upon his terrace. While doing so, an old friend arrived, who had just come across from Ireland; another visitor appeared, who had landed at Weymouth from a Jersey vessel; and, finally, young Rickard, the unexpected, drove hastily to the door.

This wonderful statement was signed by Mr. Rickard, and the reverend Mr. Bound, and verified before two magistrates of the County, one of whom was Mr. J. Strangwayes, an ancestor of the Earl of Ilchester. The name of the other I cannot recollect.

Not very long since, another inexplicable circumstance occurred at the same W——, the witnesses being the young lady to whom I had called on seeing *my* ghost, and her governess.

They were about retiring to rest, one night in the summer of 18—, and, before doing so, stood for a few moments at the open window, admiring the night's still beauty, and the moonlight glinting upon the little church, which, as is often the case in the West of England, stands but a short distance from the manor house. On a sudden, the passing-bell began to toll. Surprised at this, since in their little village, the fact of any one being in mortal sickness would almost, as a matter of course, have become known to them, the young ladies withdrew to bed, still wondering upon which of their poor neighbours the hand of death had been so suddenly laid. Early next morning an express arrived announcing the unexpected death of the younger lady's grandfather, who resided in the same county, but at some distance. He had expired over-night, at nine o'clock. This was the hour at which the passing-bell had tolled.

The two circumstances were, however, in nowise associated together in the minds of the family, and, in course of the day, inquiries were made by them, as to who had died in the little village on the previous day.

The clerk returned for answer that there had been no death in the parish, and that no bell had tolled.

A second message was sent, demanding who had obtained access to the Church overnight, as members of the family had

listened for some moments to the unmistakable knell; to which the clerk replied most positively that no one had visited the church, nor had the keys been out of his possession.

The mysteries of W—— are not even yet exhausted. There is still living the aged daughter of a former tenant of the T—— family, who for some time rented the manor-house. She remembers, on leaving school in 1796, having the "haunted" room allotted to her for a bedchamber. It had been nailed up for many years, and the circumstance of its being once more tenanted by beings of mortal mould created no small excitement and speculation in the neighbourhood, many persons soliciting permission to attend the ceremony of opening the door. The young lady's rest was never disturbed by any unusual occurrence.

The Rev. E. B——, however, a gentlemen long resident in the neighbourhood, relates a singular anecdote current in the annuals of the old family:—

The Mr. or Sir C. T———, of a former period, had given a dinner in honour of two judges of the Assize, one of whom enjoyed the hospitalities of his host with all zest and freedom, while the other, unable, as it seemed, to eat or converse, sat wrapped in gloomy abstraction, broken only by moments of such evident uneasiness, that his colleague contrived to bring the banquet to an early termination; soon after which, ordering their horses, the two learned brethren departed in company for the Assize town, D——. Scarcely were they alone when the melancholy judge informed his friend that during the whole period of the repast he had seen the exact presentment, double or personification of Lady T——, their hostess, standing behind that lady's own chair, imitating her every action! That it was no optical delusion arising from some natural cause, was evident by it not applying to any other person in the room, and the idea that it might betoken some fatal misfortune to their amiable entertainer had dwelt so powerfully upon his mind as to produce the unconquerable depression his friend had noticed. He was yet speaking when they were overtaken by a servant of the house who was proceeding at full gallop in search of medical aid, though without much hope that it would prove effectual, the unfortunate lady having immediately on the departure of the guests, retired to her own apartment and hung herself."

[The story in which the name of Mr. Bound is introduced will be found narrated, though with several variations in Hutchins' *Hist. of Dorset*, vol. I. p. 435.—EDITOR FOR DORSET.]

139. COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN LONDON AND DORSET, 1772.—The following list of Coaches and Carriers, leaving London for Dorset, is compiled from "The London Directory for the year 1772.. To which is added, A Correct LIST of

the INNS, from which the several STAGE COACHES and WAGGONS set out, with the particular Day, and Hours of the Day, and FARES paid by Passengers.... London, Printed for T. LOWNDES, No. 77, in Fleet-Street. Price One Shilling. [To be continued annually.]"

Coaches.

From the *Rose, Holborn Bridge*, T. and Th., at 10 p.m., for Blandford (107 miles), Fare £1 5 0.

From the *Saracen's Head, Friday St.*, M. and Th. morning for Dorchester (123 miles) and Bridport (207 [*sic*] miles), Fare to Bridport £1 12 0.

From the *Saracen's Head, Friday St.*, T., Th., S. at 10 p.m. for Wimbourn, Fare £1 4 0, and Poole (110 miles), Fare £1 6 0.

From the *Saracen's Head, Friday St.*, M., W. and F. at 2 a.m. for Shaftesbury (103 miles), fare £1 4 0, and Sherborne, (117 miles), fare £1 6 0.

Machine.

From the *Black Bear, Piccadilly*, W. and Su. 10 p.m. for Blandford, fare £1 4 0.

Carriers.

From the *Saracen's Head, Friday St.*, M., Th. and S, at 3 a.m., for Cranborne* (96 miles), Blandford*, Milton Abbey (115 miles) Cerne (115 miles), Evershot (129 miles), Broad Windsor (158 miles). Bridport, Lyme (144 miles), Wimborne, Poole, Wareham (110 miles), and Weymouth (132 miles).

* For these places on M and Th. only.

From the *Bell, Friday St.*, M., W. and S. at 9 a.m. for Blandford. Cerne, Broad Windsor*, Bridport, Lyme, Charmouth†, Wimborne, Poole, Wareham, Dorchester and Weymouth.

* Wednesday only. † W. and S.

From the *George, Snow Hill*, T. at 12 noon, for Dorchester.

For the *Oxford Arms, Warwick Lane*, W. at 9 a.m., for Wimborne and Poole.

From the *Rose, Holborn Bridge*, Th. and S. at 7 a.m., for Poole.

From *Gerrard's Hall, Basing Lane*, M., T. and Th. at 7 a.m. for Silton (102 miles), Shaftesbury, Stower Provost, Stalbridge (112 miles), Sherborne, Yeominster (*sic*) and Thorncombe.

From the *Bell, Wood St.*, M. at 6 a.m., for Shaftesbury and Sherborne. C. H. M.

140. CROMWELL FAMILY (IV. xxx. 230, xxxi. 269, xxxii. 293.)—I note that William Bull and Mary Cromwell were married in Cheddar Church on January 1st, 1759.

This Mary was, I conclude, the daughter of John and Hannah Cromwell, who was baptised at Rodney Stoke, January 21, 1738-9. JAMES COLEMAN.

141. FIELD NAMES IN HALSTOCK, DORSET.—Attention was called in an early number of *S. & D. N. & Q.*, vol. i., p. 11, to a curious instance of the change of names of Farms and Fields to perpetuate the political bias of the owner, in the case of lands in Halstock. Thomas Hollis, born 14th April, 1720, deceased 1st Jany., 1774, of whom an account may be read in Hutchins's *Dorset*, 3rd edit., vol. ii., p. 96, purchased estates in this parish of Thomas, Earl of Pomfret, in 1741, and there can be no doubt that the fantastic collection of names, now given, is due to him. Harvard College, in New England, of which he was a benefactor, is indicated in the name of one of the Farms.

Crowe, in his poem "*Lewsdon Hill*," alludes to this peculiarity, as attaching to Hollis's lands at Corscombe, where he lies buried,

"Still honouring
Thy fields with title given of patriot names."

We are indebted to the Rev. W. E. Plater, the present Incumbent of Halstock, for the following list, taken from the Parish Map and Tithe Apportionment. The names of the Farms are in capital letters, and the Fields are grouped under them.

SYDNEY AND LUDLOW.

Hollis, Prynne, Bradshaw, January 30th, Hamden (*sic*), The Good Old Cause, Vane, Harrison's Sherfield, Comprehension, Oxford Coppice, Hutchinson's Coppice.

LOCKE AND RUSSELL.

Reasonableness, Understanding, Toleration, Education, Government, Constitution, Lay Preacher, Nassau, Holland, Limburg, Hollis, Hutchinson, Judith (?)

NEVILLE.

Hollis, Hervey, Sharpe, Tindal, Annett (?), Secker.

HARVARD AND MARVELL.

Hollis, Kennett, Temple, Mayhew, Harris, Cotton, Massachusetts, Eliot, Adams, Hanover, New England, Hutchinson, William III, Settlement, Stuart Coppice, Revolution, Boston, Free State, Burnett, Cooke, Savile, Commonwealth, Republic.

LIBERTY AND BUCHANAN.

Lampugnano, Olgiati, Plutarch, Pythagoras, Socrates, Aristotle, Plato, Xenophon, Solon, Lycurgus, Confuscies (*sic*), Thrasybulus, Pelopidas, Timoleon, Numa, Cicero, Harmodius, Aristogeiton, Brutus, Cassius, Hollis Mead, Webb, Maitland.

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142. ROBERT MEREFIELD.—According to the Harl. MS. No. 1559, Robert, son of John Merefield of Crewkerne, was "Canon of Christ Church in com. Dorsett." This would be circa 1570.

I should be obliged by any information respecting him or for a a reference as to where I should be likely to gather some particulars.

S. S. MCDOWALL.

143. MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS IN OTHER COUNTIES RELATING TO SOMERSET AND DORSET (III. xxiv. 337, IV. xxvii. 88, xxix. 177, xxxi. 253, xxxii. 310, V. xxxv. 93.)—There is on the north wall of the chancel in Buriton Church, Hants, a grey slate tablet with the following inscription:

"Near the outside of this wall lyeth the body of
Mr. William Lowth, late Rector of this parish
Who died May 17, 1732.
And being dead still desires to speak
to his beloved parishioners & earnestly to exhort them
Constantly to attend upon the worship of GOD
Frequently to receive the Holy Communion, and
Diligently to observe the good instruction given in this place
To breed up their children in the fear of GOD
And to follow peace with all men and holiness
Without which no man shall see the Lord."

"GOD give us all a happy meeting
At the resurrection of the just."

On another tablet beside the first are the words:

"In the same grave also the body of Mrs. Margaret Lowth his beloved wife, by whom he had two sons and three daughters, she was the youngest daughter of Mr. Robert Pitt, of Blandford in Dorsetshire, and died the 4th day of Septr. 1749, in the eighty-third year of her age."

Outside the South Chancel wall are two stone altar tombs side by side enclosed in a high iron railing, where Mr. and Mrs. Lowth lie buried, but the inscriptions are obliterated.

R. E. COLE, Doddington Rectory, Lincoln.

144. MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTION IN JAMAICA.—The following extract from a letter in the *Standard* of 2nd October, 1896, may be worthy of a corner in *S. & D. N. & Q.* "Here lieth interred the body of Mr. George Bennett who came here a soldier under General Venables the 10th day of May, 1655, and one of the first settlers. He was of a Dorsetshire family."

The inscription was copied from a tablet in a disused burial ground at St. Andrew's, Jamaica. HENRY SYMONDS.

145. DORSET HARVEST CUSTOM.—In '*The Church Family Newspaper*' of Sept. 18, a Dorset Harvest custom is described. The two leading features thereof are the following: First, the men stand in a circle, stoop, and chant "We have 'em," in a very low voice. Gradually raising themselves they sing louder and louder and more quickly, finishing with three cheers.

Secondly, each man drinks to his love over the left arm, to the accompaniment of a quaint song.

Does this custom survive?

H. J. MOULE, Dorchester.

146. HEBBS OF CORTON, DORSET.—Burke in his *General Armory* (p, 475) gives the following as the arms of Hebbs of Corton, Dorset, "Sa. on a chev. or, between three swans close ar., as many lions' heads erased, gu. Crest: a lion's head erased or, gorged with a chaplet of roses, gu."

In the *Visitation of London*, 1633-5, (Harl. Mis. xv., 372) the same arms are given as the arms of Hebb, a Merchant Taylor of the Ward of Farringdon Without, with a note, "Respeck this Armes for forder profe," and the following pedigree —

James Hebb of Cloughton nigh Scarborough com. Yorke. = Anne daur of Roger Brownerigg of Coventry sadler.

Robert Hebb of London merchantailor living a° 1634 = Anne daur of Robert Cooper of Durisme.

I shall be glad to know if there is any connection between the Hebbs of Corton and the Merchant Taylor, Robert Hebb, who, it appears from the Merchant Taylors' books, was a draper in Ludgate Hill.

I cannot find Corton in my gazeteer or County History. Was it a place-name or a seat? Neither do I find Durisme [Durham?]

There is (or was) a family of the name of Hebb in Lincolnshire, at Claypole near Newark; another at Ross in Herefordshire and another in Wiltshire. I am, I believe, descended from the Hebbs of Claypole, from whence my father William Hebb, a yeoman, emigrated to London in the early years of this century.

JOHN HEBB. F.R.I.B.A.,
Willesden Green, N.W.

[Corton, "anciently a manor and hamlet, now a farm," is in the parish of Portisham, Dorset. *Vide S. & D. N. & Q.*, IV. xxvi. 70. "9 Eliz. Owen Hebbes at his death held this free chapel [of Corton] and two messuages and 90 acres of land in West Chickerel, and 7 acres and common pasture in West Fleet." (Hutchins's *Dorset*, II. p. 762. EDITOR FOR DORSET.]

147. ABBEY LANDS—SACRILEGE.—I have often heard that that there is some book tracing the history of the various Dorset families at the time of the Reformation, shewing which of them

shared in the Church plunder and which did not; and showing also, which of those families respectively still exist in the county and hold their estates. Can any of your readers inform me whether this is correct? And if so, give me the full title, publisher and price of the work alluded to?

I have Spelman's *History of Sacrilege*, the 1895 edition, but that does not give all the information I want.

S.R.B.

148. PREBEND OF WARMINSTER IN WELLS CATHEDRAL.—There was a prebend of Warminster in the Cathedral Church of Sarum.

"There was a second prebend of Warminster called also Luxville, Luxfield, or *De Laico Feodo*, founded in the Cathedral of Wells but by whom is not known. This prebend was endowed with certain appropriate tithes in the parish of Warminster, and about 50 acres of land; but the greater part of the revenues of this prebend are derived from the parish of Upton Scudamore. The tithes yet payable in Warminster are £1 15s. a year. By arrangement with the Ecclesiastical Commission this prebend is also merged in the Longleat estate."

The above quotation from Daniell's *History of Warminster*, has been kindly supplied by Mr. T. H. Baker, J. P., of Mere.

According to *Wells Cathedral MSS.*, p. 214, the Bishop of Sarum seems to have given the above prebend to Wells Cathedral.

There is another prebend in the same Cathedral named after Worminster near Wells, and the two are sometimes confused.

F. W. W.

149. DR. BERNARD, RECTOR OF BATCOMBE, SOMERSET.—"I have from the laboured work, now very scarce, of the great Dr. Bernard, Minister of Batcombe in Somersetshire, in 1641, given you his table of texts in the Old Testament, wherein he shews and leads you to the description of Christ, and the benefits of his gospel, which are the narratives and subjects of the evangelists and apostles in the New Testament."

The above occurs in an address TO THE READER at the end of the Old Testament in

THE ROYAL BIBLE OR A COMPLETE BODY OF DIVINITY
(in two volumes)

by Leonard Howard, D.D., Rector of St. George's, Southwark, and Chaplain to her Royal Highness the Princess Dowager of of Wales. 2nd Edn., London, 1761.

It shews that Dr. Bernard's work stood the test of time.

F. W. W.

150. ANDILOCUS CHASEY.—This name occurs in the Overseers' Books of the parish of Butleigh, Somerset, from 1650—85. He appears to have died between Easter, 1685, and Easter, 1686, for in that year his widow's name appears, Agnes Chasey.

Has this rare Christian name been found elsewhere?

B.

151. THE BATTLE OF BRUNENBURGH.—While travelling by train a short time ago a fellow passenger lent me a copy of the *Quarterly Review*, and in, I think, an article on Devonshire, I saw it stated that Brunenburgh was fought between Kilmington and Warrington. Can any of your readers tell me of any authority for this statement? It exactly falls in with our traditions that Athelstane was marching to Brunenburgh when he encamped in this village and dreamed that he would be the conqueror of Britain. Freeman and Green place the site of the battle in the North, but I cannot think they knew of the traditions of this place.

E. H. BOUSFIELD, Milton Abbas.

152. ALFORD FAMILY OF CO. SOMERSET. (V. xxxiii. 26, xxxiv. 47, 48, xxxv. 97).—This note may be of interest to those seeking information on this family: "1655, Aug.. Mr. Thomas Alford clerk and Mrs. Katherine Trevisa dau. of John Trevisa of Crocadon (gent.)

A. J. JEWERS.

153. THE SHERBORNE MISSAL.—In the exhibition of English Mediæval Paintings and Illuminated MSS. lately exhibited at the Society of Antiquaries, was a mass-book belonging to the Duke of Northumberland. It is described in the *Athenæum* of June 13, 1896, from which the following paragraph is taken:—

"An interesting feature of the part containing the canon is a series of English birds, with their names added in the West dialect."

As this MS. was the work of John Whas, one of the Benedictine Monks belonging to the Abbey of Sherborne, circ. 1400, a list of local terms for birds used in that vicinity at that period would be interesting and valuable.

T. N. BRUSHFIELD, M.D.

154. DEER PARKS IN DORSET AND SOMERSET (V. xxxiv. 75, xxxv. 95.)—With reference to "Deer's *leap*" and Mr. John Batten's interesting article on Deer Parks and Deer's Leap in the June number, 1896, of *S. & D. N. & Q.*, I may add a small contribution to the subject, and more especially to the *measure* of the Deer's-leap by an extract from *Temple-bar* for April, 1896, p. 532. (Article on Wordsworth's Quantock Poems.) "Above the town or ton of Porlo, now only a group of dilapidated farm buildings,

runs the well-known *Fifteen foot* boundary, the *Deer leap*, an ancient land-mark that separated the parishes of Kilve-cum-Stringston from Quantoxhead, running straight from the Quantock Hills to the sea."

H. W. HOSKINS, North Perrott, Somerset.

155.—In the interesting notes about "deer-leaps" no mention is made of the fact that they were sometimes baited. In Chafin's Anecdotes of Cranbourn Chase (1818) p. 16, we read of the enclosed Gunville Park, belonging to Mr. Harbin. He might have quietly enjoyed the privilege of having this park in or adjoining the Chase "had he not made an unfair use of it by converting some of the pales on the Chase side into a sort of pit-falls, so that the deer could easily leap in, but could not get back again; and to induce them to be thus entrapped they were enticed by apple pomace, of which the deer are particularly fond, and which they can scent from a great distance."

H. J. MOULE, Dorchester.

156. NEWTON, OF EAST HARPTREE.—From whom did Sir John Newton (ob. 1568) who married Margaret Pointz descend? In Collinson he is placed as the great-grandson of Thomas Newton the second son of the Chief Justice Sir Richard. In the pedigree of Newton in the *Visitation* for 1531-73—page 54—he is set down as the son of Thomas, the second son of Sir John (and Elizabeth Chedder) the eldest son of the Chief Justice. On page 105, in the pedigree of Cradock of Newton, he appears as the son of Richard Newton, the son of Sir John, the eldest son of the Chief Justice.

In the shield of twenty quarterings, described by Collinson as found on the tomb of Sir John at East Harptree, one of the quarterings is Chedder. On the splendid tomb erected in Cobham Church to his father and mother by William, Lord Cobham, who married secondly Frances, one of the twenty children of Sir John Newton and Margaret Pointz, appears the impalement of his second wife's arms, of twelve quarterings, and among them is Chedder. If Sir John descended from Thomas, the *second* son of the Chief Justice, he could not bring in Chedder; if from the *eldest* son, it would find its proper place, on both escutcheons.

R.

157. AYLWORTH FAMILY.—John Aylworth was M.P. for Wells 1547-52, for Penryn in 1553, and for Wells again from 1558 until his death about the year 1576. He was also Mayor of Wells in 1559-60. In the time of Queen Elizabeth he was appointed as one of the Commissioners for seizing to the use of the Crown the Hundred of Kingsbury which belonged to the See of Bath and Wells. He settled in Wells and is said to have built a mansion within the precincts of the old college of Mountrye, which it is

thought existed down to the year 1830. Can any of your readers furnish me with any further particulars of this John Aylworth? His successor as M.P. for Wells was Ashton Aylworth, who was, I presume, his son. He had previously represented Newport in Cornwall. Joan dau. of "Austine" (? Ashton) Aylworth was second wife of Richard Morgan of Easton (*vide Visitation of Somerset*, 1623).

W. D. PINK, Leigh, Lancashire.

158. NETTLECOMBE OAKS.—The following copy of a memorandum of large Somersetshire oak trees, grown at Nettlecombe, may be worth recording. It was found amongst some old papers, at Netherwitton, co. Northumberland, belonging to Thornton Trevelyan, Esq., and was probably sent to his great-grandfather, Walter Trevelyan (who married the heiress to Netherwitton) by his brother, Sir John Trevelyan. J. Atkinson (or some name very like it, as the name is not distinctly written), was probably the bailiff. I have added the approximate cubic contents of the trees, which are not given in the memorandum.

CECIL H. SP. PERCEVAL.

"No. of the" "Trees."	"Side square" "Inches."	"Length in" "Feet and Inches."	Cubical contents in feet and inches.
1	40	40	444-5
2	27	33	167-0
3	36	30	270-0
4	36	52-6	472-6
5	23	39-5	145-1
6	26	42	197-2
7	24	49-2	197-0
8	31	63	420-4
9	30	32-8	204-8

"Sir John Trevelyan Bart., Nettlecombe."
"Somersetshire."
"1798."
"J. Atkinson."

159. WHIP-DOG DAY.—In "Whitaker's" Almanac for this year against 18th October, is "Whip-dog day." Is anything known of the origin or meaning of this?

ROBERT BLAKE POOLE.

160. UBLEY (I. i. 25, iii. 123, 124).—In the Register of Bishop Ralph de Salopia this place-name is spelt variously Ubley, Ubbelegh, Obbelegh, Ebbolegh, Obeleygh.

JAMES COLEMAN.

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[illegible] Nettlecombe."

"Somersetshire."

"1798."

[illegible]

[illegible] "Whitaker's" Almanac for this [illegible] "Whip-dog day." Is anything [illegible] meaning of this?

ROBERT BLAKE [illegible]

[illegible] (I. i. 25, iii. 123, 124).—In the [illegible] Salopia this place-name is spelt [illegible] Ebbolegh, Obele

THE MANOR HOUSE, CLIFTON MAYBANK

161. CLIFTON MAYBANK.—The illustration at the commencement of the present number exhibits a view of the remaining portion of the once magnificent Mansion of the Horseys at Clifton Maybank, Dorset. "The house," says Hutchins' *Dorset*, vol. iv, p. 430, "a portion of which still remains, was not older than the 16th century, in the latter part of which it was probably built by Sir John Horsey, Knt., whose name and family arms, with the date 1586, were to be seen in one of the hall-windows."

"It was a large and stately pile of building, repaired, sashed and otherwise modernized by the Harveys."

"A great part of the noble mansion of the Horseys has been pulled down by its present owner, say the former editors (*i.e.*, of the 2nd edit. of Hutchins' *Dorset*). The remaining wing is now occupied by a farmer, but enough is still standing to show that it was once the residence of rank and opulence."

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162. CAPS: A WEST COUNTRY GAME.—In Mr. Phil. May's new book of Cartoons, *Gutter-Snipes*, one of the best plates is the last but two, I think, of the series, which is entitled: *Bob-in-the-Cap*. It represents half a dozen street Arabs standing bareheaded facing a blank wall, and on the pavement, in a row under the wall, are arranged the various hats, caps, or other head gear, belonging to the aforesaid Arabs. The boy nearest us has a ball in his hand which he is evidently going to pitch into one of the caps or hats before him. It is a picture of a London Street game in 1896.

I can well remember that this game was very popular fifty years ago in the playground at Crewkerne Grammar School when my father was Head Master, and I have often played it there. Boys did not wear hats in those days, except a straw hat in the summer. A cap of blue or black with a leather peak, such as German Students wear, was then all but universal until a boy was old enough to don a tail coat and top hat. Hence the game was known to us as *Caps*.

The game was this: Half a dozen boys elected to play it and arrange their caps at the foot of a wall. A line was drawn about five yards distant from the row of caps and one player began by trying to pitch the ball into one of the caps, his own or some one's else. As a rule, unless he was a very good shot, he chose another cap than his own. As soon as the ball had lodged in one of the caps, the owner thereof had to run up as quickly as he could and picking up the ball hurl it at one of the other players so as to strike him. We called it "Corking" him. If the shot told, the boy so hit had to cork another, and the boy who failed had to put a small stone in his cap which was called an egg. Any boy who got three was said to be out and had to remove his cap from the row for the moment. As soon as the

ball was safely in one boy's cap all the other players used to run away, and if they could run round a corner so as to hide all their bodies except a finger so much the better. But it was necessary to be careful in doing this, as it was lawful for another boy B to accept, if he could catch it, the ball from A and with it cork C, who was close by him in fancied security. Or A, on seeing that it was impossible to cork anyone, might at once accept his egg, call play suddenly and pitch the ball into the cap of a boy who was too far off to run up and seize the ball, while the other boys were near at hand. Five or six boys might be corked in succession until a miss was made; and then the party so missing received an egg and proceeded to pitch the ball again into one of the caps. The game went on until all the players were out but one; and he won the game.

Then all the other players had to pay the penalty of their want of success. Each of the losers in succession stood up facing the wall, and taking the ball in his left hand threw it between his legs as far as he could. The winner, taking his stand on the spot where the ball first touched the ground, used to cork his victim from that spot as hard as he could three times. When all had taken their punishment bravely the game was over.

Those who possess a copy of *The Boy's Own Book* issued by Vizetelly, Branston & Co,, early in this century (mine which is the tenth edition was published in 1835) will find this game described (p. 16) under the title of *Nine Holes* or Hat Ball and the author adds at the end:—"In the vicinity of London, this is called "Hat Ball," on account of the players using their hats instead of digging holes, and the ball is tossed into the hats, instead of being bowled into the holes."

I have called it above a West Country Game, for besides being very popular in Somerset fifty years ago, I saw it being played by a group of boys in Plymouth about ten years ago as I was passing through St. Andrew's Square. And the following summer I was staying at Weymouth and watched some boys playing it on the pavement in front of a Church in the street leading from the railway station to the esplanade. Is it still played in Dorset and by what name is it known?

Wokingham. C. W. PENNY.

163. SOMERSET BOOKS AND MAGAZINE ARTICLES, 1896.—

Ansted (A.) Salisbury and Wells. Two English Cathedrals; illus. *Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly*, New York. August.

Ballantyne (A.) Ralph Allen: The Man of Bath. *Longman's Magazine*, May.

Bath, with many illustrations, *British Architect*, 18 December.

Bath Bricks, by St. B. Goldsmith, of Bridgwater. *Chambers' Journal*, 11 Jan.

Bath Municipal Buildings, Sculpture in. *Builder*, 11 July.

Bath and County Graphic; a monthly Magazine for the City, Home and Country House ; No. 1, Vol. 1, May.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Calendar, crown 8vo, xxxiv + 296pp.

Blackmore's Novels. *Blackwood's Magazine*, Sept.

Bristow (A. W.) Harbouring on the Quantocks. *Badminton Magazine*, Sept.

Bruton and Montacute Cartularies, edited by H.C. Maxwell Lyte and T. S. Holmes; fcp. 4to, lxxv + 301 pp., dated 1894 (for Subscribers only), Somerset Record Society.

Burnett, Egerton, Limited, Wellington. *Woman's Life*, 11 July.

Chalk's (W. J.) The Powers of Nature *v.* The Manufactured Potential Agents which now do the work of the World; demy 8vo., 12 pp., 6d. *Taunton.*

Chanter (Gratiani) The Witch of Withyford: A Romance of Exmoor; illus. 188pp., 2/6 net.

Clarke (A. A.) Monograph on the Cathedral Church of Wells; illus. from original drawings by the author: fcp. 8vo., viii + 58pp., 1/6 net. *Wells.*

Clarke (F. A.) Thomas Ken, with portrait; crown 8vo, viii+224 pp., 3/6.

Cork & Orrery (Countess of), Early Romances of the Century. *Pall Mall Magazine*, June.

Davison (Dr. C.) On the Exmoor Earthquake. *Geological Mag.*, Dec.

Dymond (G. C. W.) The Ancient Remains at Stanton Drew. 40 + 2 pp. List of Subscribers and 2 plans.

Ebrington (Viscount) Wild Stag Hounds. *Badminton Magazine*, August.

Edwardes (Charles) The Glastonbury Lake Dwellers. *Chambers' Journal*, 18 July.

Elton (C. & M.) Little Books. *Bibliographica*, pt. 10.

Exmoor. *Daily Telegraph*, 5 Aug.

Fowler (J. C.) The Benedictines in Bath. *Yeovil.*

Freeman (E. A.), Recollections of. *Temple Bar*, Oct.

Glastonbury, by Fannie Elliston. *Great Thoughts*, Feb.

Goodman's Taunton Directory; crown 8vo., xxx + 303 pp. 1/- net. *Taunton.*

Gordon (A.) The Old Stone Crosses of Somersetshire. *Reliquary*, 1896.

Greswell (W.) Wordsworth's Quantock Poems. *Temple Bar*, April.

Griffin (A. M.) Beginning Family Prayers. The Hellier family and Wick St. Lawrence, illus. *Methodist Recorder* Winter No.

Guildhall School of Music: Note on Mr. A. Tucker, the Langport vocalist, with portrait. *Windsor Magazine*, August.

Harper (C. G.) In Avalon. *St. James's Budget*, 26 June.

Hervey (Rev. F. J. A.) Memoir of Lord Arthur Hervey, D.D., Bishop of Bath and Wells, with portraits and illus. Crown 8vo., 80pp. (printed for private circulation.)

Holiday Notes: In Somersetshire. *Cheltenham Examiner*, 12 and 19 Aug.

Hudson (W. H.) Ravens in Somersetshire. *Longman's Magazine*, June.

In Blackmore Country. *Pall Mall Gazette*, 27 Aug.

Inglis (T.) [T. J. Goldie of Bridgwater] Dr. Quantreill's Experiment; the Chronicle of a Second Marriage. Crown 8vo., 326 pp., 3/6.

Kinglake (A. W.) Eothen, with portrait and bibliographical note by A. T. Shaw, new edition, crown 8vo., xxxviii + 372pp. 3/6.

Knight (F. A.) In the West Country; illus., square 8vo., x + 269pp., 6/- *Bristol.*

Lancaster (W. M.) The Red Deer and its habits. *Country House*, July.

Lost on Dunkery Beacon: A Tale of Exmoor, by A. L. M.; illus., imp. 8vo., 16pp., 1d.

Marvels of the New Light, in which the experiments of Mr. J. W. Gifford, of Chard, are detailed and illustrated. *Windsor Magazine*, April.

Murray (R. P.) Flora of Somerset, map and frontispiece; demy 8vo., lxii + 442pp., 16/- *Taunton.*

Otter Hunting in Somersetshire. *Graphic*, 19 Sept.

Page (J. Ll. Warden) A Cruise in a Collier. *Travel*, Sept.

Paget (Right Hon. Sir R. H.), Memoir of. *Country House*, Feb.

Pollock (Major A. W.) Simple Lectures of Company Field Training; crown 8vo., vi + 92pp., 2/-

Palmer (H. P.) Selborne and Gilbert White. *Temple Bar*, Sept.

Peacock (Capt. F. M.) A Curl'd Darling and The Little Mother; crown 8vo. 156pp., 1/- *Taunton.*

Phillipp (Evelyn March) Exmoor Ponies. *Pall Mall Magazine*, October.

Poole (Rev. H. J., of Stowell) The Antiphonal Chant Book, 2/3.

Ralph of Shrewsbury (Bishop of Bath and Wells) The Register of, 1329-1363, from the original in the Registry at Wells. Edited by T. S. Holmes, 2 vols., fcp. 4to., lxxii + 878pp. (for Subscribers only). Somerset Record Society.

St. Aubyn (A.) In the Sweet West Country, 300pp., 2/-

Skrine (J. H., of Warleigh, Bath) A Goodly Heritage; crown 8vo., 104pp., 2/6.

——— Songs of the Maid; crown 8vo., 144pp., 5/-.

Somerset Carthusians. *Church Quarterly*, July.

Somersetshire Archaeological and Natural History Society. Proceedings of the, for the year 1896; illus.; demy 8vo., part 1, vi + 34pp; part 2, 98pp. Completion of Flora of Somerset lxii + 4pp. *Taunton.*

Sorry Somersetshire. *Saturday Review*, 19 Sept.

Stoate (James) At Torre House, Nettlecombe. *Cable*, 12 Sept.

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164. Some Bequests to Dorset Parishes, Schools, &c.—These notes are from wills in the principal registry at Somerset House. The date at the beginning of each note is the date of probate. The bequests noted are generally such as were intended by the testator to be invested and the yearly profits of the sums applied to the use of the poor, but a few others, which seem likely to be interesting, have also been included.

1611. Stephen Hayward of Brothers in Corfe Castle, yeoman, left money to the "parish school" of Corfe Castle.

1615. Thomas Whittle of Winterborne Abbats, yeoman, in 1604, left small sums to the poor of Winterborne Abbats, Frampton, Netherburie, Dorchester and Abbatsburie, and to the almshouses of Dorchester and Bridport and £5 to the "poor in generall" to be distributed in money or in bread at his funeral.

1616. Robert Forde of Lidlinge [Lidlinch] in 1616 left £5 to the poor of Lidlinge as "a stocke for ever," and part of the residue of his estate "to be bestowed in some peece of lande to remayne to the relefe of good disposed people geven to prayers in meate Drincke and clothinge wthin the cittie of New Sarum and the towne of Wimborne to each of those places a like."

1618. Marie Gundrie of Wymborne Mynster, widow, left a rentcharge of 40s. to the poor of each of the towns of Wimborne and Blandford Forum.

1621. Christopher Symes of West Milton, gent., left £5 "as a stocke for ever" to the poor of Poorstock and West Milton.

1634. John Turbervile of Wolbridge, esquire, in 1633 left

£10 to the poor of Beere Regis as a stock for ever "to sett them to worke."

1634. Gilbert Hawthorne of Bishops Caundle, clerk, left £5 to be bestowed in clothes for 15 poor widows of the parish.

1635. Richard Squibbe of Jewerne Minster, gent., in 1634 left £5 to the poor of each of the parishes of Iwerne Minster and Winterborne Whitchurch, "to remain as a stocke."

1635. Thomas Bower of Iwerne, gent., in 1633 left £5, in addition to a similar sum previously given by deed, to the poor [? of Iwerne] "to remain as a stocke for ever."

1635. William Little of Frampton, yeoman, left to the poor of Frampton £5 "to remaine as a stocke."

1635. John White of Oakeford Fitzpaine, gent., in 1635 left 40s. to the poor of the same parish "to remaine in a stocke."

1637. Robert Gold of Compton Abbas, yeoman, in 1636 left £50 for the clothing of the poor of the borough of Shaston.

1638. John Hooper of Bovington, gent., in 1637 left 40s. to the poor of Woll to "remaine as a stocke for ever."

1638. Nicholas Bereman of Briantspuddle in Afpuddle, yeoman, in 1637 left £50 to the poor of Afpuddle, and £5 to the poor of Beere Regis, both sums to "remaine in stocke for ever."

1638. John Jones of Ourmoigne in 1637 left £4, the interest of which was "to be bestowed in bread and distributed to the poor every good friday for ever."

1638. John Michell of Kingston Russell, gent., left £10 to Longbredy, £5 to Willand, and £10 to Kingston Russell, "for ever," the sums to be applied "for the reliefe of poor aged and true labouring people and for apparrelling and binding poore children apprentices."

1638. William Willis of Pamphill in Wimborne Minster, yeoman, in 1636 left 40s. "as a stocke for ever to the use of the poore tradesmen" of Litchet.

1638. George Turbervile of Wooll, gent., in 1638 left £20 "as a stock" to be used in apprenticing poor children of Wooll; also 50s. to Wareham, 50s. to Beere Regis, 50s. to East Stoake, £5 to Comb Keynes and Wooll, and 50s. to Winfrith Newborough for "the increase and maintenance of the stock for the relief of the poore."

1638. Joseph Purchaes of Dorchester, baker, in 1638 left money to "the poore children of the hospitall in Dorchester," and to "the poore almes women of the Almes howse nexte Fryery gate in Dorchester."

1639. John Harding of Byeastwall near Wareham, yeoman, in 1638 left £3 "to be bestowed in three penny loaves of bread att the day of my funeral" to the poor of Wareham.

1639. John Downinge of Dalwood, yeoman, in 1639 left an annual rentcharge to the poor of Dalwood.

1639. John White of Marnhull, gent., in 1638 left £5 to

the poor of Marnhull, £3 to the poor of Funtmell, and £5 to the poor of Stower Provost, all these sums to remain as stocks.

1639. Thomas Lawrence of Rampisham, yeoman, in 1639 left the rent of certain land to be used for ever "towards the helpe and maintenance of twoe laboureing husbandmen of Rampisham."

1639. Henry Hillary of Meerehay in Beaminster, yeoman, in 1636 left to the poor of Beaminster £40 to remain as a stock for ever.

1639. William Albert of Winterborne Stickland in 1639 left 20s. to remain as a stock for the poor of Stickland.

1639. Fremund le Ireis of Chilbridge in Wimborne Minster, gent., in 1639 left "three bushells of wheate to bee baked into bread and given to the Poore the day of my buriall."

1639. Dorothe Vaughan of Charborough, widow, in 1639 left £10 to the poor of Morden "as a Stocke for the setting a work of the poor."

1640. William Whiteway of Dorchester, merchant, in 1639 left £30 to "the old almeshowse in Dorchester towards the purchase of lands for theire better maintenance"; also money to "the children that are taught in the Hospitall."

1640. Robert Lane of Hermitage, clerk, in 1639 left to the Master and Brethren of the almshouses of St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist in Sherborne £100 to be employed in purchasing land, the profits of which were to be applied to the better maintenance of the vicar of Hermitage.

1640. John Chetmill of Sherborne, gent., in 1639 left 40s. to the almshouses in Sherborne, and 40s. to the free grammar school in Sherborne "to be bestowed in sound bookes or bookes as the Mr. and Usher shall thinke fitt."

1640. John Hassard of Lyme Regis, merchant, in 16 Charles, left money to "the poor of the Spettell howse of Alington neere Brutpotte."

1640. Henry Creetch of Beere Regis, yeoman, in 1640 left to the poor of that parish £5 "as a stocke for ever," the profit to be distributed on St. Thomas' day.

1641. William Loope of the Burrough of Wareham, gent., in 1640 left £10 as a stock to the poor of Warham and Stoborough.

1641. Thomas Still of "Shaston alias Shaston St. James neere Shastsburie," esquire, in 1636 left £5 as a stock for ever to the poor of Shaston St. James.

1645. Richard Rogers of Brianston, esquire, in 1643 left £250 "as a stocke for ever" to the Bailiff and Burgesses of Blandford for the use of the poor of Blandford.

1645. Walter Tucker of Lyme Regis, merchant, in 1643 left £40 to the Mayor and Burgesses of Lyme Regis as a perpetual stock for lending "to some decayed marchants or to some poor craftsman of Lyme Regis," the interest (at the rate of twopence

in the pound per year) "to be bestowed in a breakfast for the said Maior and Burgesses."

1646. Robert Salter of Whitchurch, yeoman, in 1642 left £300 for the purchase of land, the profits of which were to be divided between the poor of Whitchurch, the poor of Charmouth, and Allington almshouses.

1647. Bernard Mitchell "of Weymouth Melcombe Regis," merchant, in 1646 left the following annuities to the parishes named—viz. to Weymouth 33s. 4d., to Wareham 20s., to Bridport 20s., to Wynburn 20s., to Milbone St. Andrewes 20s., to Beere Regis 20s., to Abbersbury 20s., and to Fleet 13s. 4d., the sums "to be paid for ever to the severall poore of the several places aforesaid yearlie out of the rents of my freehold lands."

1650. John Allen of Evershot, gent., in 1649 left "all that my part of the meadowe called Marshemeade situate in Evershot where I was borne unto the use of the poore of Evershot for soe many yeares as I have therein yet to come."

1652. Nicholas Sprackling of Toller Porcorum, yeoman, in 1652 left £10 to the poor of that parish "to remaine in a stocke for them for ever."

1653. Adam Jones of Hollworth in Abbye Milton, yeoman, in 1652 left to the poor of Owermoyne a freehold estate in Owermoyne (purchased of John Grant of the same place) for ever; also £10 "in stocke" in lieu of money formerly deposited by the parish in the testator's hands.

1654. Edward Parris of Great Kimmeridge, mariner, in 1653 left £5 "to be continued as a stocke for the poore" of Kimmeridge.

1655. William Tucker of Beaminster, gent., in 1654 left £40 to be lent to poor tradesmen on their giving security to "the wardens and overseers for the time being."

1656. Hyppolett Mockett of Longbredy in 1653 left £50 to the poor of Longbredy, £25 to the poor of Winterborne, and £25 to the poor of Litton.

1656. Henrie Meggs of Bradford Peverell, esquire, in 1655 left to the poor of Bradford Peverell £5 "to remayne for or towards a parish church stocke."

1656. Mathew Derby of Dorchester, gent., in 1655 left 20s. yearly for ever to the poor of each of the parishes of Mayne Martel and Burton near Bridport; "alsoe I give £3 yearely for ever to be paid for and towards the placinge of poore Children apprentices to handy Craftsmen out of" Dorchester, Bockhampton, Mayne Martel, and Burton near Bridport; also 20s. yearly for ever to the poor prisoners in the county prison. A rent of £3 had been chargeable on the testator's dwelling house in Dorchester for the benefit of the schoolmasters and to this sum the will adds 40s. yearly. All the foregoing legacies were charged on testator's lands at Broadmayne.

1657. Albynus Muston of Shaston, gent., in 1656 left a "yearely rentcharge of 20s. unto the poor of the said parish of the Holy Trinity in Shaston for ever" payable "out of my Tenement and lands knowne by the name of the Crowne in Shaston lyeinge and beinge in a Lane called Coleman Lane alias Musson's Lane."

1657. Robert Young of Sturminster Newton Castle in 1657 left £5 to the poor of the same parish "to remaine as a stocke in the hands of the overseers of the poor."

1658. Julian Perkins of Dorchester, widow, in 1656 left £100 to the poor of the three parishes in Dorchester "to remayne as a stocke for ever."

1658. Richard Alford of Lime Regis, merchant, in 1658 left to the mayor and corporation of Lime property called Parson's fee or Parson's home for the use of the poor.

1659. John Browne of Frampton, esquire, in 1658 left £20 per annum, derived from certain specified lands, to the poor of Frampton for ever, and it is further directed "that as many of the poore as shall demeane themselves honestly and painfully in their callinge and not wander abroad to begg in other parishes but sett themselves on worke by spinnige or else shall be yearely provided for of a quantity of loykes or course wooll." A sum of £20 per annum from the same lands is also given towards the better maintenance of the vicar of Frampton. The will mentions that the testator had "for a publique good" built a school "upon part of an house that was heretofore Lawrence Herne's for the teaching of young children."

1659. John Keynell of Goare in Bell Chalwell, gent., in 1658 left 10s. to be paid "on my tombstone on Good Friday" to the poor of Fifhead "Mevell"; and also to the poor of Bell Chalwell 20s. "to remaine in stocke."

1677. Robert Browne of Kingston Hall in Wimborne Minster, yeoman, in 1674 left £23 as a stock for ever to the poor of Corfe Castle, the interest to be distributed weekly in bread at William Miller's tomb in the church of Corfe Castle as "the bread which William Miller gave to the poor there is distributed."

1687. Dorothy Eastmont of Sherborne, widow, in 1686 left £100 to Sherborne almshouses.

1689. Francis Tucker of Beaminster in 1682 left money to Beaminster school and for apprenticing poor children.

1699. George Conington of West Stafford, mercer, in 1698 left 20s. yearly for ever to the poor of Sherborne.

1665. Thomas Brent of New Sarum, Wilts, gent., in 16 Charles II. left £100 to the poor of Wimborne Minster for "binding out poore children apprentices."

F.J.P.

165. Some Bequests to Dorset Churches. (V. xxxvi. 120).—

1616. Robert Forde of Lidlinge [Lidlinch] in 1616 left part of the residue of his estate "to buy one passinge Bell to bee placed in Saincte Peters Church in Shastone to be tolde or Ronge out at the Death of any man or woeman and whoe soe will have him to be so done shall paye to the same bells mayntenance the some of Two Shillings for the Tolinge and fower shillings when he is Ronge out."

1618. Marie Gundrie of Wymborne Mynster, widow of John Gundrie, gent., left a house and garden adjoining the churchyard of Wimborne to the church of that town "for ever."

1639. William Albert of Winterborne Stickland in 1639 left 20s. to the church of Stickland to remain as a stock.

1657. Robert Young of Sturmister Newton Castle in 1657 left £5 "to remaine as a stocke in the hands of the guardians of the said church."

1679. Robert Hunt of Wareham, clay merchant, left £5 as a stock for the church of Our Lady in Wareham.

1682. Robert Higden of Wimborne Minster in 1681 left £20 to be laid out in a silver flagon to be used for the sacrament in Wimborne church.

1699. George Conington of West Stafford, mercer, in 1698 left a piece of plate to Sherborne church "in exoneration of my conscience" in regard to a horse taken from a soldier "in the late civil wars."

F.J.P.

166. Broadway Meeting, Somerset.—Broadway Meeting owes its existence to a split between the Trinitarian and Socinian sections of the old chapel at Ilminster. The former section, living in localities of which Broadway was a convenient centre, and recognizing the need of further spiritual provision for it and the district round about, a suitable piece of land was purchased there by the Rev. John Lavington of Exeter and the Rev. John Walrond formerly of Ottery St. Mary, who conveyed it to a regularly constituted trust whereupon the chapel was built. The original Trustees consisted, among others, of the principal members of the Standerwick, Hayes and Horsey families, and the foundation stone was laid by Isaac Standerwick the younger, then a child, whose grandson in later years exercised the pastoral office. The first pastor was the Rev. John Lavington, junior: it is not known how long his minority lasted, but in July, 1763, the Rev. John Samuel was and apparently had been for some time the minister, as at that time George Betty, a labourer of Hatch Beauchamp, a place some four miles off, charged his property with an annuity of ten shillings payable to Mr. Samuel and his successors, which is paid unto this day. By March, 1765, Mr.

Samuel had been succeeded by the Rev. John Peacock, whose sermon on the death of Mr. William Johnson, preached in Paul's Meeting, Taunton, in 1768, reached a second edition, and who also published in 1776 a collection of hymns, designed to supersede those of Dr. Watts, which however they have not yet done either at Broadway or elsewhere. Many of them are however of considerable merit, fully up to the average of those in use nowadays, and might well take a place in the present service of the sanctuary. About 1777 the Rev. T. Lewis became the pastor, and added to this duty the conduct of a superior school for young gentlemen in the house which, until it was burnt down, was practically though not formally the parsonage. On June 30th, 1793, Mr. Crook commenced his ministry which terminated about the close of the last century, and was followed by an interregnum during which Mr. Thorn of Grilston, near Crediton, and others supplied the church, though without pastoral charge. In 1803 the Rev. Thomas Pyke was called to the pastorate. He was by birth and behaviour a gentleman of the old school, and his ingenuity was witnessed by among other things his invention of a machine for calculating the mileage of coaches, which however was never formally adopted. Towards the close of his life his mental powers failed, and although he retained his position, he was practically laid aside, the death of his only child, a daughter, having largely contributed to this result. It may perhaps be mentioned without offence, after this lapse of time, that on dark nights he used to place a lantern in his shrubbery in order that his daughter, if she came down to visit him, might not break her wings among the laurels. In consequence of Mr. Pyke's incapacity, the Rev. William Standerwick, who had been the minister at Dulverton and built the chapel there, the cost of which was mainly paid out of his own pocket and that of Mr. Heudebourck of Taunton, became co-pastor in 1837. During his ministry Mr. Pyke had been largely assisted by his gifted sister, Sarah Leigh Pyke, who under the pseudonym of "Serena" had published "Israel, a Poem," "The Triumph of Messiah" and "Eighty Village Hymns," all of which enjoyed an extensive popularity. The last of these works was written in the very plainest style, but was by just so much better suited for the rural community among which her lot was cast, and much good may be traced to its publication. The year 1843 was a noteworthy one in the annals of Broadway, as it witnessed, with other significant events, the deaths of Mrs. Standerwick, mother of the junior pastor, and the last surviving subscriber to the clock, "The Young Peoples' Gift," which still forms a striking feature of "The Meeting"; Mr. Robert Collins of Horton, an important and invaluable supporter of the cause; Mr. Pyke himself; and the destruction by fire of a large part of the village, including the parsonage house. During Mr. Standerwick's ministry the church attained its highest measure

of success, the gallery and pulpit stairs being habitually occupied by persons who could not find seats elsewhere, and in the end the chapel was considerably enlarged, although the work was not completed until after Mr. Standerwick had been compelled by ill health to resign his charge. He emigrated to America, but subsequently returned to England and died in 1876, within a stone's throw of the building with which he had been connected from his birth. After his retirement the church was supplied by the Rev. Richard Penman, the Rev. J. S. Underwood, Mr. Victor Herschell (uncle of the late Lord Chancellor) who, as a clergyman of the Church of England, lost his life in the Jamaica disturbances, and students of the Western College, notably Mr. Chapman subsequently of Montreal and Plymouth, and Mr. Bryan Dale since of Halifax. In 1855 the Rev. Stephen Ross was called to the pastorate, during which time the present parsonage was built. Failing health however necessitated his retirement in 1865, when he was succeeded by the Rev. William Lang, during whose ministry the church fabric underwent extensive restoration. Mr. Lang was succeeded by the Rev. George Osborne, also previously of Dulverton, who is the present pastor.

The principal features of interest in connexion with the history of Broadway Meeting are first, that its foundation was the direct outcome of the Trinitarian Controversy of 1719, and second, that it has never received a penny of assistance from outside sources. It has had from time to time a complete church organization, Mission Stations at Donyatt, Windmill Hill and Buckland St. Mary near "The Hare and Hounds," a Bible Society Auxiliary, Dorcas Maternity and Tract distributing Societies, and a flourishing Sabbath School founded in March, 1797, with a stipendiary teacher, retained to conduct school three times on a Sunday and attend two services with the children at a remuneration of 1s. a week, many of whose pupils remained to their dying day earnest members of the Church, and adorned during the course of long lives the Christian profession. J.W.S.

167. Curry Rivel (Somerset) Sunday School, 1786.—The following is copied from the book of rules and accounts of the first Sunday School in Curry Rivel which was established "To check the Profanation of the Sabbath among the poor children and to instruct them to read and learn the Church Catechism."

"Rules to be adopted for a Sunday's School, June, 1786.

1. A proper person to be appointed who shall teach the children of the poor People belonging to the Parish of Curry Rivel every Sunday in reading and learning the Church Catechism, for which he shall be allowed Five Pounds a year.

2. The Master to see the Scholars come clean to School and attend constantly every Sunday with them at Church and take care that they behave decently during the time of Divine Service.

3. The children to be Publickly Catechised by the Minister every Sunday Month in the Church after the evening service and be examined every quarter by any of the Subscribers, as to their proficiency in reading, &c.

4. Proper Books to be provided which are to be carefully kept by the Master at the School House for the use of the children.

5. The School hours from Lady-day to Michaelmas to begin at seven o'clock in the morning and continue till seven in the evening and from Michaelmas to Lady-day from eight o'clock in the morning till five in the afternoon.

6. Those Parents who neglect sending their Children to School (unless in case of sickness) or shall absent their children two Sundays following without producing a proper excuse shall be excluded for ever the benefits of the said School.

7. Those Parents who without any excuse obstinately refuse to send their children to the Sunday's School shall be deemed improper Objects to receive any Charity that shall in future be distributed in the parish of Curry Rivel.

8. No child to be admitted unless he is seven years of age and to be dismissed at fourteen at which time a present of a Book will be Publickly made to each person who has behaved well with their name written in it.

Rules and Orders for the Master of the Sunday's School.

1. In the Morning and Afternoon let the Psalms and Collects be found out by, or for, every child who has a Prayer Book.

2. When this is done let the time be employed in reading the service in the Prayer Book till they are to go to Church.

3. In the Evening hear the children in their turns such lessons as you have set before them. Set them regularly before you and let the lessons for those that can read the New Testament be taken out of the 5th, 6th, and 7th chapters of St. Matthew, the first of St. John and the 12th and 13th of Romans.

4. When this is done be sure to hear all the children the Catechism.

5. Take care and observe the children that Misbehave at Church, and punish them when they return into School, not in Church because it disturbs the Congregation, but let as little severity be used as possible.

6. On the first Sunday in every Month let the Rules and Orders be read publickly by the Master before teaching begins when all are settled together.

7. A little before it is time to dismiss the children let the Master gather all the Books together and carefully put them away until the following Sunday, and never permit any of his day Scholars to make use of those books which are provided for the Sunday School.

8. The Master to read a Prayer to the children in the

morning at the time the School begins and in the evening at their dismission. The names to be called out regularly morning and evening and a list of those that are absent to be given to the Clergyman every Sunday.

In December, 1789, Five Shillings a quarter were added to the master's salary for teaching the Children to sing, and in 1792 and 1793 Five Shillings a quarter were paid to another, besides the master, "In playing the German Flute on Sundays to the scholars of the Sunday School." R.A.

168. DORSET ADMINISTRATIONS.—*Continued.*—(II. ix. 10, x.49, xi. 78, xii.113, xiii. 150, xiv. 178, xv. 217, xvi. 242, III. xvii. 8, xviii. 57, xix. 94, xx. 151, xxi. 183, xxii. 233, xxiii. 279, xxiv. 323, IV. xxv. 11, xxvi. 38, xxvii. 77, xxviii. 123, xxix. 173, xxx. 209, xxxi. 251, xxxii. 298, V. xxxiii. 11, xxxiv. 46, xxxv. 87, xxxvi. 127).

1675.

Folio.	Name of Deceased.	Parish.	Grantee and Relationship to deceased.	Date of Administration.
64	Arnault, Peter	Pimperne	Martha Swayne, next of kin and principal creditor	16 June, 1675
64	Barnes, John	Duntish	John Palmer, of Blandford forum, gent, pending suit between said John Palmer and Martha Lockett, mother of deceased, Mary Barnes, Dorothy Lockett and Ann Lockett	14 June, 1675
151	Bishopp, Humphrey	Chilcombe	John, arm., son; Ann, relict, renouncing	3 Dec., 1675
36	Bishop al's Buckler, Martha	Chetnole	Edward Buckler, father; William Bishop, husband, dying before accepting administration	24 Apl., 1675
139	Bridle, Robert	Middlemarsh, Minterne Magna	Elizabeth, relict	19 Nov., 1675
	Buckler al's Bishop	see Bishop		
84	Clarke al's Hardy, Anna	Wolcombe Matravers	John Hardy, arm., husband	5 July, 1675
32	Coker, William	Sherborne	John, father; Sarah, relict, renouncing	24 Mch., 1675
	Cooke al's Miller	see Miller		
139	Gould, John, bach.	Dorchester	Nicholas, brother; James, father, renouncing	16 Nov., 1675
49	Grey, Thomas	Blandford Forum	Richard, brother	17 May, 1675
48	Hallett, Erasmus	Netherbury	Elizabeth, relict; further grant March, 1676	8 May, 1675
84	Harbin, John, gent.	Charminster	Joan Weeks al's Harbin, niece (brother's side)	1 July, 1675
	Hardy al's Clarke	see Clarke		
85	Miller al's Cooke, Elizabeth	Dorchester	John Miller, son; Matthew Miller, husband, dying before accepting administration	29 July, 1675

Folio.	Name of Deceased.	Parish.	Grantee and Relationship to deceased.	Date of Administration.
9	Parker, Emma, widow	Bradford Abbas	John, son	11 Jan., 1675
63	Pyke, Samuel	Lyme Regis	William, brother	5 June, 1675
124	Streete, John	Pool, died abroad	Edward Read, guardian of Mary, relict, a minor	11 Oct., 1675
31	Thacher, Thomas	Sherborne	Joan, relict	9 Mch., 1675
85	White, John, bach.	Oakford Fitzpaine	Edith, widow, mother	24 July, 1675
			1676.	
41	Appleton, William bach.	Whitchurch	Richard, brother	3 Apl., 1676
42	Baskett, John	Dewlish	Mary, relict	28 Apl., 1676
56	Baynard, Robert, bach.	Cliffe	Thomas, arm., father	2 May, 1676
42	Bond, William	Melcombe Regis	Margaret, relict	11 Apl., 1676
149	Cornelius, Lamber	Weymouth	Edith, relict	27 Nov., 1676
5	Dashwood, Susan	Cheslebourne	Thomas, son	15 Jan., 1676
19	Dolling, Mary	Dunshay	Margaret, wife of John Pyke, and Selena Dolling, sisters	8 Feb., 1676
19	Fookes, Thomas	Sherborne	Catherine, relict	10 Feb., 1676
128	Foster, James	Sherborne	Thomasine, relict	23 Oct., 1676
19	Giear, Catherine, wid.	Weymouth	James, son	23 Feb. 1676
28	Hallett, Erasmus	Netherbury	Susan, wife of John Saunders, daughter; Elizabeth, relict, now deceased, not having administerd. Former grant, May, 1675	20 Mch., 1676
56	Hayne, Urith, wi l.	Upway	Nicholas, son	18 May, 1676
71	Hewes, Thomas	Weymouth	Joyce, relict	1 June, 1676
78	Lockett, Giles	Yetminster	Richard Batt, principal creditor; Martha, relict, Ann and Dorothy Lockett, daughters, not administering	20 July, 1676
149	Mansell, Thomas	Sherborne	Honor, relict; further grant Aug., 1685	9 Nov., 1676
125	Michael, Henry	Wimborne Minster, died abroad	Timothy, uncle and guardian of Henry, Elizabeth and Jane, children of deceased	10 Oct., 1676
101	Skues, John	Poole	Jane, relict	21 Aug., 1676
20	Stint, Thomas	Stourepaine	Joane, relict	15 Feb., 1676
57	Thornhull, Edward arm.	Thornhull, Stalbridge	Robert, arm., son	25 May, 1676
20	Toomer, Avice	Motcombe	Daniel and Margaret, children; William, son, now deceased, not having fully administered. Former grant, Nov., 1672	10 Feb., 1676
160	Twynho, Christopher, sen.	Turnworth	Jane, relict	1 Dec., 1676
57	Watts, William	Fairwood	Anthony Holloway, guardian of Elizabeth, daughter	5 May, 1676

1677.

Folio.	Name of Deceased.	Parish.	Grantee and Relationship to deceased.	Date of Administration.
28	Barber, George	Wootton Fitzpaine	Florence, relict	16 Feb., 1677
79	Barfoot, Thomas	Poole	Susan, relict	2 June, 1677
65	Barker, Joseph	Sherborne	Catherine, relict	17 May, 1677
65	Colier, William	Sherborne	Ann, relict	26 May, 1677
65	Collens, Alexander sen.	West Orchard, Church Knowle	Alexander, jun., son	26 May, 1677
113	Darby, John	Bridport	Mary, relict	8 Sept., 1677
124	French, John	Yeatminster	Elizabeth, relict	15 Oct., 1677
163	Gillingham, Richard	Linington	John, son; Joan, relict, now deceased, not having fully administered. Former grant, Nov., 1641	12 Dec., 1677
91	Hall, Edith, wid. Hoggard als Vivian	Sherborne see Vivian	John, son	14 July, 1677
28	Holford, Nicholas	Symondsbury	Mary, relict	16 Feb., 1677
28	Marshfield, Thos.	Sandwich	Mary, relict	15 Feb., 1677
125	Napper, Robert	Dorchester	Grace Lacey, daughter	29 Oct., 1677
141	Parker, Thomas	Pilsdon	Anne, relict	8 Nov., 1677
80	Say, Ursula	Wareham	Jane, daughter	21 June, 1677
80	Seaward, William	Wambrooke	Joane, relict	23 June, 1677
29	Swaine, George	Church Knowle	Edith, relict	12 Feb., 1677
163	Tilly, Morgan	Thornford	Susan, relict	10 Dec., 1677
81	Trent, Roger	"Windsor, co. Dorset"	Roger, son; Frances, relict, renouncing	12 June, 1677
92	Trew, John	Corfe-Purbeck	Joane (relict ?)	3 July, 1677
142	Vivian al's Hoggard, Elizabeth	Turners Pudle	Thomas Hewlett, "pronepos" and next of kin	6 Nov., 1677
29	Weston, Ebora, spr.	Blandford Forum	Robert Weston and Rebecca Hacket al's Weston, brother and sister	17 Feb., 1677

1678.

7	Blacker, Edward, sen.	Gillingham	Jane, wife of John Perne, relict	22 Jan., 1678
51	Bond, Samuel, merchant	Weymouth died on ship "Bridgwater"	Margaret, mother	14 May, 1678
51	Churchill, Thomas, gent.	Dorchester	Mary, wife of John Wing, daughter. Former grant, Apl., 1668	6 May, 1678
73	Corbin, Robert	Sandwich, died in ship "Assurance" in King's service	Dennis Seffray, attorney of Ann, relict	21 June, 1678
20	Cox, Martha, spr.	Mosterne	Elizabeth Rapton, widow, sister	18 Feb., 1678
72	Criche, Elizabeth	Middle Gussage	Samuel, son	21 June, 1678
116	Farre, John, bach.	Shilvington died in East Indies	William Smith, attorney of William Farre, father	4 Oct., 1678

Folio.	Name of Deceased.	Parish.	Grantee and Relationship to deceased.	Date of Administration
133	Fookes, Francis, bach.	City of Bristol died at Beaminster	Walter, father	8 Nov., 1678
52	Hill, Rebecca, spr.	Farringdon	Robert, brother	23 May, 1678
73	Hitt, Catherine, wid.	Beaminster	Thomas Hitt, Christiana Smart al's Hitt and Ann Golding al's Hitt, children	22 June, 1678
52	Newberry, Thomas	Stockland	Richard, brother	3 May, 1678
52	Paige, John	Blandford Forum	Thomasine, relict	4 May, 1678
20	Phelpes, Mary, wid.	Sturmister Newton Castle	Anne Martin, aunt (father's side) and guardian of Oliver, Mary and Ann, children	4 Feb., 1678
32	Pike, Bartholomew	Sandwich	Grace, relict	12 Mch., 1678
134	Salter, James	Poole	Henry, father	16 Nov., 1678
157	Seabrow, Silas	Weymouth died in Guinea	Mary, relict	23 Dec., 1678
8	Waltham, John	Weymouth	Magdalene, relict	22 Jan., 1678
105	Watts, William	Verwood	Elizabeth, wife of Richard Stride, daughter	16 Sep., 1678
117	Wheeler, Thomas	Bloxworth	Richard, brother	19 Oct., 1678
159	White, John	Long Chesilborne	Elizabeth, relict	31 Dec., 1678
86	Yeats, John	Frampton	Eleanor, relict	2 July, 1678

1679.

145	Barnes, John	Corfe Castle died in ship "The Hope" in King's service	Alice, relict	18 Oct., 1679
79	Benfeild, John, bach.	Portland, died abroad	Joan Wright, attorney of James Benfield, father	16 June, 1679
131	Berryman, Osmond	Sturminster Newton Castle	Thomas, brother	29 Sep., 1679
146	Brodrepp, John	Maperton died at Leydon Holland	Richard, brother	24 Oct., 1679
131	Bushell, Jane	Poole	William, husband	19 Sep., 1679
69	George, William	Corfe Castle	John George, uncle and guardian of Henry and Elizabeth, children of deceased	12 May, 1679
10	Goodridge, Stephen	Wareham died in ship 'Cambridge"	Elizabeth, relict	11 Jan., 1679
145	Gosley, Henry	Weymouth	John Strong, principal creditor; Anne, relict, renouncing	9 Oct., 1679
53	Gregory, Samuel	Beere Regis	Elizabeth, relict	17 Apl., 1679
160	Lewen, Elizabeth	Poole	George, husband	26 Nov., 1679
53	Lyford, William	Buckland Newton	Constance, relict	3 Apl., 1679

Folio	Name of Deceased	Parish	Grantee and Relationship to deceased	Date of Administration
58	Mansell, Hester, widow	Sherborne	Simon, Thomas and Hester, children	8 Mch., 1679
106	Martyn, James	Sherborne	Catherine relict	23 July, 1679
174	Parry, Judith	Kimridge Purbeck	Elizabeth, daughter	1 Dec., 1679
83	Pearce, Thomas	Shaftesbury	Peter King, principal creditor	27 June, 1679
53	Rogers, John, miles	Edmondsham	Joan Twyne al's Coker, wife of John Twyne, niece, sister's side Joan Twyne al's Coker al's Rogers, sister of deceased, dying without administering. Former grant Apl., 1671, further grant: Aug., 1684	26 Apl., 1679
131	Russell, Ann, widow	Spetisbury	Thomas Swayne, nephew, brother's side	15 Sep., 1679
161	Saintlo, Henry, bach.	Fontmell Parva	Lawrence, brother	20 Nov., 1679
70	Saxby, William, bach.	Wimborne	William Walker, principal creditor	16 May, 1679
112	Symes, William	formerly Poorestock late of Askerswell, dec: at Glastonbury	Thomas Symes al's Ford, son; Anne relict dying without administering. Former grant June, 1660, grant of Nov., 1668, to Susan Stone, aunt and guardian, expired	19 Aug., 1679
38	Trenchard, John	Holnest	Anne, relict	14 Mch., 1679
83	Weaver, Thomas	Lime Regis died at Poole	Joane, relict	3 June, 1679
69	White, Bernard, bach.	Kingston Russell	John Mitchell, "nepos ex fratre," Bridget Mitchell, sister of deceased, renouncing	14 May, 1679

NOTE.—This grant is entered in the margin of the Calendar as "Bernard Mitchell" but in the body of the Act Book it is "Bernard White."

(*To be continued.*)

GEO. S. FRY.

169. EXTRACTS FROM WILTSHIRE FOREST PLEAS CONCERNING SOMERSET MEN.—(Vide Chapter House Forest Rolls, Wilts, Box 6, No. 15).

[Placita 41 Henr. III.]

M. 13. *De venatione de Selewode* [*in Com. Wiltes*].

Presentatum est per eosdem [forestarium et viridarios] et convictum, quod Thomas de Bugelig', Saywynus Sturdy, Robertus de Pont in Stanrewyk in Com. Sumerset et Willielmus le Colier de eadem sunt malefactores venacionis in foresta, et roberatores. Et modo non venerunt nec fuerunt attachiati quia non fuerunt inventi. Postea testatum est quod Thomas et Sewynus (*sic*) capti fuerunt et suspensi apud Mere. Catalla Thomae iiij^{or}s. de quibus

Johannes de Venun vicecomes respond'. Sewynus nulla habet catalla. Et Robertus et Willielmus exigentur et [nisi venerint] vtlagantur. Et mandatum est vicecomiti Sumers' quod faciat exigere eos de comitate in comitatem donec venerint vel vtlagati fuerint secundum consuetum regni. Et quod interim inquiratur ubi receptati fuerint et in quorum Decema fuerint. Et de catallis eorum ut possit inde certificare Justiciario in proximo adventu suo in comitate predicto. Inquisitio facta fuit de predictis malefactoribus per iiij^{or} villatas propinqinores Horningesham' (di. m̃)†, Deverel-Lungpunt' (j m̃)†, Upton' (di. m̃)†, et Corsleg' (di. m̃)† que non venerunt plenarie Ideo in misericordia.

Presentatum est per Adam de Greynuil' forestarium et Eudonem de Sturton' viridarium quod die martis proxima ante Nativitatem Beate Marie anno xxxviij^{o} quinque homines equitati sex homines peditati ceperunt quemdam damum cum sex brachettis et tribus leporariis in bruera de Sutwyk infra metas foreste. Inquisitio inde facta fuit que dicit quod quidam Willielmus Scut et alius Willielmus Wether et tercius Willielmus Pertrit homines domini Henrici de Erleg' et domini Johannis de Alre dictum damum ceperunt et ad domum dicti Henrici asportaverunt. De nominibus aliorum non potuit inquiri. Et predicti malefactores non fuerunt attachiati quia non fuerunt inventi et sunt de Comitate Somers'. Ideo mandatum est vicecomiti Sumers' quod faciat venire predictos malefactores apud Shyreburn' in Crastino Sancti Leonardi. Et quod habeat ibi predictos Henricum et Johannem ad respondendum &c. Postea venit Henricus de Erleg' et Willielmus Wether apud Iuelcestre et detenti sunt in prisona. Et Johannes de Alre venit ibidem. Et quia homines et canes sui cucurrerunt in foresta sine waranto Ideo in misericordia. Et dicti Henricus et Johannes deadvocaverunt predictos Willielmum Scut et Willielmum Pertryt qui non venerunt, ideo exigentur et utlagentur. Postea Johannes de Aure venit et finem fecit per XLs. Postea venit Henricus de Erleg' et finem fecit per X marcas.

Presentatum est per eosdem et convictum quod Dominus Willielmus de Radeue ante Trinitatem anno xxxviij^{o} et Adam le Harpur Rogerus de Radene et Robertus Wayfer de Comitate Sumers' ceperunt unum damum sub Bello quercu in foresta. Et quod ipsi cum societate sua consueti sunt malefacere in foresta de venacione cum canibus arcubus et sagittis. Et modo non venerunt nec fuerunt attachiati. Ideo mandatum est vicecomiti Sumers' quod faciat eos venire apud Shyreburn' in crastino Sancti Leonardi. Inquisitio facta fuit per quatuor villatas, scilicet Penleg' (ij s.) Hauelkerigge (alibi) Chepmanslade (x s.) et Balecliue (di. m̃) que non venerunt plenarie ideo in misericordia.

† The amounts of the amercements in this and the passages below are inserted as interlinear notes in the original.

Postea venit dictus Willielmus de Radene et finivit per XLs. per plegiam Nicholai de Aune et Willielmi de Corslee. Postea venerunt Adam et Walterus (*sic*) et detenti sunt in prisona. Postea Adam finem fecit per j mr. per plegiam Willielmi de Radene et Adam de Grindham. Et Rogerus finivit per j mr. per plegiam predictorum Willielmi et Adam.

Presentatum est per eosdem et convictum quod die Jovis proxima ante festum Assumptionis Beate Marie anno xxxix° Johannis de Aketon' in Comitate Glouvern' Eadwardus Bastard et duo filii* Hugonis le Tunnere de Haydon in Comitate Sumers' quorum nomina ignorantur ceperunt unum damum cum canibus arcubus et sagittis; qui malefactores postea intraverunt gravam Walteri de Radenhurst, qui Walterus preparavit cibum dictorum malefactorum ad domum suam et dictum cibum eis portavit et cum eis manducavit; et modo venit et detentus est in prisona. Et Johannes non venit nec fuit attachiatus, Ideo preceptum est vicecomiti Gloucestr' quod faciat eum venire &c. apud Shyreburn' in Crastino Sancti Martini, et Eadwardus vtlagatus est. Et mandatum est vicecomiti Sumers' quod faciat venire &c. Hugonem le Tunnere de Haidon' ibidem ad eundem diem et quod habeat ibi duos filios suos. Postea venit dictus Walterus de Radenhurst et finem fecit per ij marcas per plegiam Galfridi Hoes' et Johannis de Babinton'.

Presentatum est per eosdem et convictum, quod Johannes Galun, Walterus Prigge, Robertus Bouenhull,' Hugo Nig' et Johannes Hug' sunt malefactores venationis in foresta et etiam depredatores. Et quod Walterus Say est socius eorum. Et Thomas Harod de Norton' est eorum receptator. Ideo mandatum est vicecomiti Sumers' quod venire faciat dictum Thomam &c. apud Schyreburn' in crastino Sancti Leonardi. Et Hugo Nig' et Walterus le Say sunt in prisona Sarr'. Et Johannes Galun, Walterus Prigge, Robertus Bouehul (*sic*) et Hugo non venerunt nec fuerunt attachiati quia non fuerunt inventi Ideo exigentur et utlagantur. Postea venit Walterus Say et finem fecit per di. m. per plegiam Johannis de Langeford et Galfridi Hoes'.

[Ibid. Box 6, No. 16, m. 2d. Placita 47 Henr. III.]

Placita venacionis foreste de Selewud' (in Com. Wiltes).

Presentatum est &c. quod Henricus Luuel, Ricardus filius ejus et quidam alii de familia ipsius Henrici quorum nomina ignorantur sunt consueti malefactores in predicta foresta: qui non venerunt nec fuerunt attachiati Ideo mandatum est vicecomiti Sumers' quod eos venire faciat. Et quia villata de Sturton,' Seles, Cnowel, Corseleg,' Horninggesham, Bayleclive et Upton non venerunt &c. in misericordia. Postea venit predictus Henricus

* "*Alii*" in the original but the sense is evidently "*filii*."

Luuel et Ricardus filius ejus et tenti sunt in prisona. Et finem fecerunt per x marcas per plegiam propriam.

Presentatum est &c. quod Gilebertus Smythehund de Wulmerestun' et Laurentius de Faruleg' sunt malefactores de venatione in predicta foresta. Et predictus Gilebertus non venit nec fuit attachiatus. Ideo preceptum est vicecomiti Sumers &c. Et predictus Laurentius non est inventus ideo exigetur et nisi venerit utlagatur. Et quid villatae de Bishopestre, Deverel Litleton, Bradeleg', Hetredebur' et Norton' non venerunt &c. in misericordia. Et condonatur Gileberto Smythehund pro paupertate.

E. M. THOMPSON.

170. BISSE FAMILY.—The following may be worth recording as a contribution to the history of Somerset families, and to aid a future series of Somerset pedigrees.

CHRISTIAN BISSE of Croscombe, will dated 3rd Jan., 1608. Son William Bisse. Son James Bisse. Son James Bisse 'ye younger.' Dau. Mary Serrye. Dau. Ann Nash and her dau. Mary. Dau. Sarah Barker, her husband and their son James Barker. Dau. Joyce Pen and her son William Pen. Dau. Hester Russ. Youngest dau. Elizabeth Bisse. Sons William Bisse, Philip Bisse and Robert Bisse. Grandchildren; Em Barker, one of them. Son Robert Bisse executor. Proved at Wells, 10 Aug., 1609.

JOHN BISSE of Publoe, will dated 10 Feb., 1622. To be buried in the churchyard of Publoe. Kinswoman Joane wife of Thomas Neave of Bristol, joiner. Ann wife of William Strickland of Pensford, co. Somerset, clothier. Giles Chittane 'my godson' and his hrother Nathaniel Chittane. Kinsman Nicholas Lock and his brother-in-law Adam Langdon. Mary Chittane, dau. of Nathaniel Chittane of Publoe, baker. Polidore Langdon. Proved at Wells, 1 March, 1622.

ANDREW BISSE of South Cheriton in the parish of Horsington yeoman. Dated 13 Nov., 1684. Names his dau. Elizabeth and the heirs of her body to have his land called Lanes. Brother Samuel Bisse. Proved at Wells, 14 Sept., 1686.

HESTER BISSE of Nunney widow, will dated 2 Jan., 1664. To the church of Shepton Mallet 20s. To the poor of that parish £6. To the poor of Mells 30s. Son Robert Bisse £100. Son William Bisse £150. Dau. Abigail Woodyats, wife of Thomas Woodyats of Nunney, clothworker £150. Piece of plate had from Mr. Robert Gale. Granddau. Elizabeth Woodyats. Granddaughters Hester Bisse and Mary Bisse. Grandson James Bisse. Dau.-in-law supposed to be encient £10 at the birth to be paid to son Robert Bisse. Sons James, Robert and William

Bisse. Dau.-in-law Margaret Bisse. Residuary legatee and executor, son James Bisse. No date of proof. Inventory dated 28 March, 1665. Seal of arms (*Arg.*) *on a chev. betw. three mullets (pu.) as many lions gambs erased or.* These are the arms of Parham.

JOYCE BISSE of Croscombe, spinster, will dated 14 Aug., 1686. To sister Frances Fuller £50 for the benefit of testatrix's niece Frances Coombs, at marriage or 21. Cousins Henry and Susanna Parsons. Brother William Bisse a house in Croscombe called Sugar Rocks. Niece Elizabeth dau. of William Bisse. Sister Parsons and her children Henry and Susanna Parsons. Proved at Wells 23 Feb., 1686.

RICHARD BISSE of Bristelton, will dated 15 Jan., 1554. Son Richard Bisse. Dau. Alice Bisse. Wife Edith Bisse. Sister Elizabeth Nele. Proved at Wells 19 July, 1554.

JOHN BISSE of Wells, glover, will dated 20 Nov., 1729. Wife Susanna Bisse. Nephew John Bisse. Proved at Wells 22 Dec., 1729.

In Batcombe Church is a monument for Dr. Philip Biss, who died 28 Oct., 1613, aged 72, with a Latin inscription, and a brass plate showing a man kneeling. There is also a large monument with the arms of Bisse, *Sa. three escallop shells arg. in pale*, which is inscribed to the memory of several of this family; namely:

James Bisse, Esq., d. 7 Jan., 1606.
James Bisse, Esq., the second, died 8 Aug., 1646.
James Bisse, Esq., died 7 April, 1640.
James Bisse, brother of the last named, who died 10 Jan., 1593.
John Bisse, son of the former, died 14 Aug., 1634.
James Bisse, Esq., died 2 July, 1652.
Edward Bisse, Esq., died 18 Jan., 1669.
Edward Bisse, son of the last named, died 16 May, 1681.
Mary Bisse, died Nov., 1670.
Robert Jones, died 11 March, 1652.

Carved over the door of the south porch are Bisse as above, imp. *On a bend three millrinds*; also Bisse alone, and the date 1629.

Symonds in his Diary mentions the brass for Dr. Bisse, but he does not say anything of the larger monument, which was certainly added long after the date of his visit, but he tells us that the following two shields were in the south aisle and carved on the outside of the porch:—

(1) *Sa. three escallops in pale arg.* imp. *Arg. a fret az. on a chief sa. a trefoil slipped betw. two mullets of the first.*

(2) The dexter coat as above imp. *Or, on a bend gu. three mill-rinds arg.* Symonds, in error, calls the charges on the bend *saltires*; both these shields are gone.

irst of these shields is Bisse imp. Greene for James) married Eleanor da. of Matthew Greene of Milton by Catherine da. of Hugh Fortescue of Filleigh, co. he coat here given for Greene differs slightly from that ı the Heralds' Visitation of 1623, which is *Arg. on a e bezants, a chief sa. charged with a buck statant or, betw. s of the last pierced gu.*

econd shield is for James Bisse, son of the former, who lizabeth, second da. of Humphrey Speccott of Speccott ury, by his first wife Elizabeth da. of John Walter of rne, co. Devon. Elizabeth Speccott's paternal grand-as Jane da. of Sir Roger Grenville of Stow. Her ir John Speccott of Thornbury married first Elizabeth Piers Edgcumbe of Mount Edgcumbe in Devon by da. of Sir Andrew Luttrell of Dunster, by Mary da. of as Wyndham; and secondly Jane da. of William Mohun Her brother Edmund Speccott married Elizabeth da. of rd Stroud of Newnham in Plympton S. Mary, co. Devon; brother Roger marrying Elizabeth da. of Edmund f Malston, co. Devon. Of her nephews, Edmund mar-ıbeth da. of Henry Waldron of Bradfield, Peter married ı da. of Sir John Malet of Curry Malet. and Paul married e da. and coh of Robert Halswell, son and heir of Sir Halswell of Halswell, co. Somers. Thus it will be seen h with Speccott brought this family of Bisse into rela-with several of the best families of Devon and Somerset. following extracts from the Bishop's Transcripts of e, &c., Registers, supply some additions to the pedigree 23 Visitation, and relate directly to Bisse of Batcombe. all the Bisse entries from various parishes and a long Bisse wills would occupy too much space :—

Batcombe.

March 9, Bridget dau. of James Bisse, gent., bapt.
May 5, Judith dau. of Edward Bisse of Westcombe, bapt.
Sept. 16, Edward s. of Mr. Edward Bisse, bapt.
June 18, James s. of James Bisse, bapt.
March 6, Mr. Edward Bisse, bur.
Jan. 14, Edward Bisse, Esqre, bur.

Milton Clevedon.

Nov. 20, Margaret w. of William Bisse, buried.*

The date is November 23 in the Register of Milton Clevedon.

1629, Jan. 7, Elizabeth w. of Edward Bisse, Esqre, senior, buried.
1630, Nov. 30, Lady da. of Edward Bisse, junior, gent., buried.

Almesford.

1634, Nov. 16, George s. of the Rev. Upton Bisse, Rector, and Rebecca his w., bapt.
1636, Nov. 30, Mary da. of Rev. Upton Bisse, Rector, bapt.

Stoke Lane.

1622, Nov. 22, Mr. John Bisse, bur.

A Jordan Bisse had children baptised from 1609 onwards according to the Parish Register of S. Cuthbert, Wells, in which he is once or twice styled 'Mr.' He was buried there as Jordan Bisse of Worminster, the 4 Nov., 1650. Mrs. Eleanor Bisse of Wells, wid., appears by her will to have recovered £300 from James Bisse of Batcombe, Esqr, her will being dated 3 Aug., 1688. The name often occurs in the register. A William Bisse was buried in 1620, and James Bisse had a daughter baptised in 1619.

ARTHUR J. JEWERS.

[There is a good history of the Bisse Family by the late Mr. Grigson, most of which appeared in *Miscellanea Genealogica et Heraldica*.

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171. KING CHARLES II. AND THE COAXDEN LEGEND. (I. iii. 109, v. 197, III. xxiv. 321, IV. xxv. 3, V. xxxvi. 123)—Mr. Norris has sufficiently shown the more than improbability of the legend. It appears from the Boscobel Tract and the account dictated to Pepys, that after the night spent at Charmouth the Prince rode to Bridport, and thence on to Broadwinsor. Coaxden would have been signally out of the way in the ride either from Charmouth to Bridport or from Bridport to Broadwinsor. The Prince may have been near Coaxden on his way from Trent *to* Charmouth. Capt. Ellesdon's letter speaks of his visiting Ellesdon's father in some village among the hills, about 1½ mile from Lyme and Charmouth. Exactitude as to the mileage is not to be expected. But the suggestion has been all along that the pursuit and the escape took place after the night at Charmouth. That which seems to make most strongly against the legend of the Prince having been hidden and searched for at Coaxden at all (apart from the intrinsic improbability of the incident as described) is its not having got into print before 1830. How the story grew up in the Cogan family we may, perhaps, never know.

I do not know whether the Cogans of Coaxden were related

either to the Cogans of Huntspill or the Cogans of Glamorganshire. The name was not an uncommon one in the 16th and 17th centuries, in the parishes of Thorncombe, Hawkchurch and Chardstock, which lie around Coaxden; and was there borne by husbandmen and yeomen. Sir Simonds Dewes, as appears by entries in his papers, had money dealings with some of them.

I have not as yet ascertained when the Cogans became the owners of the manor of Coaxden. It still belonged to Sir Simonds Dewes in 1630, as appears from a deed of that date in the possession of the Feoffees of Ladymead Charity in Chardstock. In 1649 another Ladymead deed mentions Robert Cogan as living at Coaxden. Dewes, after spending his boyhood at Coaxden, never returned there in after life, but settled down on his manor of Lavenham in Suffolk. One of the Cogans became his receiver at Coaxden. The probability is that Dewes ultimately found it not very convenient to own a property so distant from his residence, and sold Coaxden to the Cogans.

L. B. CLARENCE, Coaxden.

172. STURMINSTER MARSHALL. (I. i. 34, IV. xxxi. 260)—*Magni Rotuli Scaccarii Normanniæ sub Regibus Angliæ*—Translated by Thos. Stapleton. Published by the Society of Antiquaries, London, 1844. Vol. 2, pp. cxcvii. and cxcviii. occurs the following statement:—

"Robert *Comte* of Meulan had married Matilda daughter of "Reginald, Earl of Cornwall, and their issue were three sons, of "whom Waleran de Meulan was the eldest; Peter the second "son was in orders; and the third had name Henry."

A footnote adds

"Peter de Meulan had ecclesiastical preferment in England, "having been presented to the Church of Stourminster *com.* "Dorset by the Brethren of the Hospital of St. Gilles of Pont-"Audemer, and he was subsequently Dean of the Collegiate "Church of Wimborne in the same county. The following "charters from the Chartulary of the Hospital are evidence of "this fact:—

1. "Robertus Comes Mellenti omnibus ad quos presens carta "pervenerit, salutem.

"Noveritis quod fratres Sancti Egidii de Ponte-Audomari "Petro filio meo, ecclesiam Sancti Petri de Esturministria, cujus "integre ad eos pertinet donatio, divine pietatis intuitu et pre-"cum mearum interventu, donaverunt.

"Predictus vero Petrus coram me et multis aliis prefatis fra-"tribus juravit se singulis annis vii. marcas argenti de prefata "ecclesia eis redditurum, scilicet, iv. marcas ad festum Sancti "Johannis et dimidium, et ii. et dimidium ad Natale Domini.

"Ego autem plegius sum, quod sepedictus Petrus, filius "meus, predictos denarios singulis annis ad prenominatos ter-

" minos reddit, et precipio Radulfo fratri et omnibus servientibus
" futuris in Sturministria quod ipsi sine occasione faciant denarios
" illos, sicut determinatum est, reddi."

2. " Universis sancte matris ecclesie filiis ad quos presens
" scriptum pervenerit, Petrus de Mellento, Dei gratia Decanus de
" Wiburne, salutem.

" Noverit universitas vestra me jurasse et confirmasse pre-
" senti carta mea me redditurum singulis annis fratribus Sancti
" Egidii de Ponte Audomari de ecclesia de Sturministria vii.
" marcas argenti ad Natale Sancti Johannis Baptiste. Et si Deo
" disponente ad Pontificii gradum ascendero vel aliquo modo
" predictam ecclesiam disvisero, ego ut eorum juratus pretaxa-
" tam ecclesiam prefatis fratribus ut suam reddam."

JAMES CROSS, Baillie House, Wimborne.

173. BABER FAMILY (V. xxxvi. 137). Inscriptions from a canopied Tomb in the Baber chapel within the Parish Church of Chew Magna.

Memoriæ et Honori Sacrum Ven. Edvardi Baber Servientis ad Legem, qui pietate, morum gravitate scientiâque juris municipalis conspicuus et inter ornamenta sui sæculi communi doctorum hominum suffragio numeratus, obitu precoci suam mortalitatem finivit 23 Sept. A.D. 1578.

Vixit annos 47.

In memoriam Catherinæ Baber uxoris Edvardi Baber, serv. ad Legem filiæ Thomæ Legh de Stone Legh in Com. Warwici Equitis Aurati.

Obiit x Martis A.D. 1601.

Memoriæ Sacrum Francisci Baber de Chew Magna armigeri, qui shirarchæ officio Com. Somers. sub Elizabetha Regina, Jacobo et Carolo regibus cum laude functus.

Obiit 9 die Sep. A.D. 1643.
Vixit annos 78, dies 15.

M. S. Annæ, filiæ Willielmi Whitmore de Appleby* in Com. Salop Arm. nuper uxoris Francisci Baber a quo susceptos Franciscum et Jacobum filios, Annam Mariam et Janam filias Superstites reliquit.

Vixit annos LXXX. Menses VI.
Obiit die 30 Decr. A.D. 1650.
Cujus Corpus in ecclesia S. Peter Bathon. Sepultum jacet.

FRANCIS J. POYNTON.

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*[This is Apley near Bridgnorth.—EDITOR FOR SOMERSET.]

174. Since writing my former note I have identified the seal on the will of Florence Baber (p. 180). The first and fourth quarters should be described as, *fretty* not lozengy, the impaled coat being that of Whitmore. 1 and 4 *Vert fretty or* Whitmore; 2 and 3 *Arg. on a chev. sa. three bezants*, Bond. The seal is really that of the grandfather of Edward Baber, husband of Florence, namely Francis Baber of Chew who married Ann, second daughter of William Whitmore, merchant of London, by Ann daughter of Alderman William Bond of London. The coat of Bond ought to have a crescent in chief, for difference.

ARTHUR J. JEWERS.

175. MONMOUTH TREE, WHITELACKINGTON.—We note with much regret that the grand old Spanish chestnut tree lately standing in Whitelackington Park, near Ilminster, Somerset, and known to many generations past as "Monmouth Tree," was destroyed in the gale of March 3rd, inst. H. N.

176. ALFORD FAMILY OF SOMERSET (V. xxxiii. 26, xxxiv. 47-48, xxxv. 97, xxxvi. 152).—On reading my note at the above reference I perceive that I omitted to state that the marriage of Alford and Trevisa is from my extracts from the Parish Register of S. Mellion, Cornwall, in which parish Crocadon, the ancient seat of the Trevisa family, lies. I may add that among the marriage allegations at Wells occurs the name of Thomas Alford, clerk, at Weston Zoyland, 1747, 48, 49 apparently as surrogate, and Mary Alford each time, and a seal of these arms *a fess indented erm. between three mullets*. This coat is not Alford, but it is not quite clear whose arms it is from no colours being on the seal as usual.

ARTHUR J. JEWERS.

177. DR. PETER CARSLEIGH, CANON OF WELLS.—(II. xv. 214.) Will dated 5 August, 1534. Proved 21 January, 1535-6, Canon of Exeter. To be buried in the Lady Chapel either at Exeter or Wells. To the Church of Lustleigh where I was born xxs.—Legacies to All Saints Clyston, St. Peter's Tiverton, St. Nicholas' brotherhood, Clyston. Lincoln College, Oxon., St. Nicholas Abendon. Residue to "Magistro Wm. Parkhowse" [31 Hogen.]

R. G. BARTLETT.

178. COLTHURST OF CO. SOMERSET.—I shall be much obliged if anyone can give me any notes in continuation of the of the pedigree given in the *Visitation* of 1573. More particularly I want the marriage of Edward Colthurst (born 1570), and the place of residence of the Family after leaving Hinton Charterhouse, 1579, until 1630, when William Colthurst lived at Widcombe, and his brother Edward Colthurst then, or shortly after, went to live at Huntworth.

Corfe Castle. R. G. BARTLETT.

179. CROMWELL FAMILY.—(IV. xxx. 230, xxxi. 269, xxxii. 293, V. xxxiii. 30, xxxvi. 140.)—The following notes may be of use.

John Cromall of Erlestoke, Wilts, husbandman. Will dated 20 March, 1574-5.

Bartholomew Cromall. My son Robert, my daughter Elionor. Residue to my wife, Alice, executrix. Witness, Thomas Graunt, Christopher Cromall, John Axford. Proved 2 October, 1576. [Arch. Sarum. Lib. 6, fo. 269.]

The Registers of Widcombe, adjoining Bath, give several of the name. I noticed the following burials :—

1722, Feb. 9. James Cromwell.
1729, Nov. 15. Anne Crumwell.
1733, Jan. 28. Anne Cromwell.
1736, Dec. 3. Elizabeth Cromwell.

Further search there might reveal the baptism of William Cromwell, whom Canon Cromwell states to have been born in or near Bath, about 1756-60.

R. G. BARTLETT.

180. BRENT AND SANDY FAMILIES.—(V. xxxiv. 78).—Giles Brent of Honeybrook was son of John Brent, and brother to Stephen Brent, both of Cossington, Somerset, which Stephen was the grandfather of the John Brent of Cossington whom Katharine Brent of Honeybrook mentions in her will (1653) as cousin. Cousin in this case does not mean nephew. He would be first cousin once removed to Katharine's husband. *Vide Vis. Som.* 1573, 20, 96. (If F.J.P. wants a pedigree of Brent of Cossington from the 13th century I shall be happy to send him one.)

Corfe Castle. R. G. BARTLETT.

181. SIR HENRY BARTLET.—In Metcalf's *Book of Knights*, p. 161, it is recorded that Sir Henry Bartlet of co. Somerset was Knighted at Whitehall, 8 May, 1609. Can anyone tell me whether anything is known of this personage in Somerset, or whether he was in reality of co. Sussex instead of co. Somerset.

R. G. BARTLETT.

182. YOUNG LADIES OF TAUNTON.—In the *Nineteenth Century* for March, 1897, there is an article by Mrs. Frances H. Low on '*How Poor Ladies Live*.' After stating that mothers will not engage governesses, nor head-teachers appoint as their assistants, women beyond the age of thirty-five, on the ground that they 'cannot sustain their freshness and interest in their work' after that period, the writer goes on to say :—

"It seems rather an early limit to put to female activity, and unless we are of the opinion of the young ladies of Taunton, who put to death their maiden aunt because they considered age

should be taught its disgracefulness, the theory will increase our difficulties."

May I ask what is here alluded to? Who were the young ladies of Taunton who put their aunt to death?

Wokingham. C. W. PENNY.

183. NOTES ON CHURCHES IN THE DEANERY OF BRUTON (V. xxxv. 89, xxxvi. 126).—CUCKLINGTON. The church is at the north end of the village, under the brow of the range of hills which form the eastern boundary of Somerset. Its plan is a nave with aisle on the north side, tower and chapel on the south, and a chancel also with chapel on the north side. As the church is built against the slope of the hill, the chancel is considerably elevated above the nave. The earliest portions of the building are E.E. They include the E. window, 3 plain lancets combined inside into a single window under a relieving arch. The arcade separating the nave from the aisle consists of two plain double-faced arches with the edges chamfered; there are no capitals, and the chamfer mouldings are continued down the piers to the flat shapeless bases. In the N.W. wall of the nave is a window with 2 lights, slightly trefoiled, with wide splays. Opposite to this is the entrance under the tower which was rebuilt in 1703 (and probably at an earlier date as well) as appears from a tablet in the outer wall, 'N. Dalton R., R. & N. Watts, I. Willis, R. Hockey, H. March, Ch. Wardens & Sidesmen, R. Newman workman, Anno Dm., 1703.' This tower much resembles that at Templecombe, which is well known to all travellers on the local railway system.

In perpendicular days the west window of the nave, and the windows of the aisle were altered. A chapel was added to the chancel, the entrance being under a wide arch, and the present doorways placed in the south wall of the chancel and the north wall of the nave. They are now blocked up. Later on in the same style, another chapel was added on the south side of the nave, east of the tower. In the south wall is a doorway now closed, and two windows of 2 lights of very late date. In the modern window in the east wall is the only fragment of painted glass now in the church, the head of S. Barbara [*S. A. & N. H. S. Proc.* 39, i. 43, with illustration]. In this wall is a large bracket with a head carved on one side, made of green sandstone. There were 'goodes and cattales gyven to the mayntenance of lyghte within the paryshe churche' of C. A squint, now partly blocked up, gives a view from the chapel into the chancel. The chapel opened into the nave through a single arch, but when the congregation were seated there, this opening was too small to enable them to take part effectively in the service; so at the restoration in 1880, Mr. Crickmay added a smaller arch of similar design on either side, which had the threefold advantage of supplying a

want, involving no destruction, and adding an unusual and beautiful feature to the church. *O si sic omnes.* In this restoration new roofs were added to the nave and chancel, the chancel arch was reconstructed, and the wall between the aisle and the chancel chapel taken down so as to enable the organ to be placed in the chapel. The jambs and archstones of the door leading to the rood loft staircase, which had to be removed, were built into the eastern wall of the chapel. A piscina was too damaged to be preserved.

INTERNAL FITTINGS. The font is Norman; the bowl is circular, 27 in. in diameter, the lower part being escallopped. This rests on a short column, below which is a moulded base. Some portions of the old chancel screen will be found in the modern screen which separates the aisle from the organ chamber. Over the entrance doorway are the Royal arms, date 1660. The other furniture of the church is modern. It includes a pulpit and reredos of carved oak, with groups of figures, by Vermehlen of Louvaine; and choir stalls with the ends carved by Miss C. Phelips from designs by Mr. Crickmay.

MONUMENTS. There are no old ones in the church. The Grant-Dalton monument bears a shield with the family alliances, which Phelps gives so incorrectly that a fresh description will not be out of place. Quarterly, 1. Az., crusilly or, a lion ramp. sa., *Dalton.* 2. Arg., a fess betw. 3 storks sa., *Dirdoe.* 3. Az., 3 broadarrows palewise or, feathered gu., on a chief of the second, 3 Moor's heads couped sa., *Watts.* 4. Sa., on a fess arg., 3 cinquefoils of the first, *Joyce.* Over all on an inescutcheon of pretence, Sa. on a fess embattled counter-embattled (tincture not given) 3 goat's heads or, betw. 3 gates, 2 in chief, and 1 in base, or, *Yeatman.* Crest, a dragon's head betw. 2 wings, ppr. Motto, Dum spiro, spero. In the south chapel are 2 small tablets to the memory of Nicholas Watts of Shanks, the last male representative of that family, who died 1729, and of Ruth his wife who predeceased him in 1716; aged 35. Arms, *Watts* imp., Erm., on a bend sa., 3 boars' heads couped, or. These are the arms of the West-country family of *Bowerman*, without the cotises, whose omission may be accidental. Andrew Bowerman, clerk, of Milton in Gillingham, in his will, made 23 June, 1693, proved 2 Nov., 1694 [*Brown's Som. Wills*] mentions his daughter Ruth, who, on the evidence of the heraldry above-mentioned, may be identified with the Ruth Watts of the monument.

In the churchyard are several altar tombs of early 17th century date. Behind the chancel is the broken tombstone of James Hinks who died 12th Sept., 1780. This man was evidently a member of the Navy League of the period; for the place of the conventional weeping willow is taken by a view of two men-of-war engaged at close quarters, and instead of '*Resurgam*'

EVERCREECH CHURCH, SOMERSET.

appears the patriotic statement 'the glory of Britain is her ships.' (In the spring of that year Rodney defeated the Spanish fleet off Cape St. Vincent.) On the monument of John Hoskins Giffard, who died 30 July, 1744, husband of Elizabeth dau. and heiress of Nicholas Watts, are these arms; Quarterly 1 and 4, 3 stirrups within a bordure engrailed, pellettée. 2. A pile engrailed. 3. A chevron betw. 3 lions ramp. On an inescutcheon of pretence, *Watts*. In the churchyard is preserved the socketstone of a cross, not given in Pooley, but from comparison with others given in that work, it appears to be of early 14th cent. work. A charter for a market and fair was obtained by Baron Henry de Urtiaco in 1304.

EVERCREECH. [*S. A. & N. H. S. Proc.* XII. i. 24, XXIV. i. 47]. The Church consists of nave of four bays, with clearstory and side aisles, small chancel, and magnificent tower at west end. The chancel is the oldest part now standing. A small parapet runs round the top. The east window is filled with reticulated tracery. The windows in the side walls are of two different patterns, and difficult to classify. The nave, arcades and clearstory, are of an ordinary perpendicular pattern. On the south west face of the two pillars at the west end of the N. arcade are brackets supported on angel-corbels. There is a tiebeam roof in the nave, restored and painted. The aisles are filled up with galleries, built to accommodate the increasing congregations. That in the north aisle was set up in 1825-35, and the outer walls of the aisle seem to have been rebuilt, preserving the old parapet and some of the stone. When the south gallery was erected in 1843, the aisle was rebuilt, and the south porch with parvise over was taken down [Note by Rev. & Hon. E. P. A. Talbot, Vicar.] The present entrance is under the tower. Mr. Freeman considered that the town was either an imitation of the one at Wrington, or else that Evercreech was the first attempt and Wrington the matured design of the same architect. [An illustration is given in this number.] Here the bold angle buttresses at a level with the sills of the belfry windows shrink up into pilaster buttresses. From each slope two shafts rise which terminate in pinnacles on a level with the lower transomes. At this stage a single shaft, set diagonally, rises from between these pinnacles, and passing through the string courses of the parapet, which are continued round the pilasters, finishes with a pinnacle in front of the main spirelet. As each corner of the pilaster buttress is crowned with a pinnacle, they form a group in front of the spirelet, while at Wrington they are carried on its shoulders. At Evercreech the top of the tower is battlemented, at Wrington there is a continuous parapet. Collinson gives the height of Evercreech tower as 130 feet, and Wrington as 140 feet.

INTERIOR. All the fittings, including the font, are new. Perhaps some leathern water-buckets hanging in the tower are

as old as anything in the church. The old font is represented in the Pigott drawings. It had a plain circular bowl supported on a short column with round moulded base.

MONUMENTS. In addition to those of the Rodbard and Cozens families in the chancel, there are two hatchments; one for James, 3rd Lord Talbot de Malahide, who died 20 Dec., 1850, the other for his widow, the second daughter and coheiress of Samuel Rodbard, Esq., of Evercreech House, who died 13 March, 1857. Another monument to Rev. J. Jenkyns, Vicar of Evercreech, 1783-1824, bears his arms Az., a saltier or charged with 4 crosses patée fitchée sa. impaling Gu. 3 chevronels arg. being the arms of his wife Jane, d. of Jas. Banester of Bristol, merchant.

In the nave are several monuments, but so skied that their raison d'etre of keeping alive the memory of certain families is quite defeated. On one is a shield—Barry arg. and sa. over all a bend gu.—the arms of the family of Barker, noted by Collinson as having a monument here. On another the same arms imp. a cross moline. Under the south gallery is a small slate tablet to the memory of (*inter alia*) Charles, s. of James and Grace Dugdale who died in Dec., 1623. James Dugdale was vicar of Evercreech, and suffered much from the Parliamentary soldiers. On one occasion he was rescued by his female parishioners.

KILMINGTON.—There is unfortunately little to notice in this church, except the tower, a tall slightly-built erection, visible from afar across Kilmington common. It is for ever associated with the murder of the Hartgills by Lord Stourton. The original building, as shown in Collinson's engraving, Vol. III., 41, had nave with side transepts joining chapels, porch on south side, chancel, and tower at west end. Phelps records that the chancel had been rebuilt, retaining the original side windows. These have now been altered and those on the north side have given way to a vestry. An aisle has been added on the north side of the nave, which has absorbed the transept or chapel, formerly the burial place of the Hartgill family. Their memory is perpetuated in a painted glass window at the east end. The arch leading into the south chapel is plainly built of green sandstone, the mouldings of the arch being continued without any break by capitals down to the ground. The porch has been removed. The present entrance is under the tower. This is divided into three stages, marked off by string courses. The lowest is quite plain; the second contains two empty niches with brackets and canopy work, and between them a representation of the lily springing from a pot, the emblem of the Virgin, to whom the church is dedicated. The third stage, clear of the nave, contains the belfry windows, one on each side, filled with pierced stone screens. Above the string course are two bands of open quatrefoils supporting an embattled parapet with pinnacles at the angles. In this tower in

1549, William Hartgill, with Mary his wife, and several servants, were kept prisoners for several days by Lord Stourton and his followers until the siege was raised by the sheriff of Somerset. (In Strype's *Memorials* printed in Phelps, the wife's name is given as Mary, but William Hartgill, by the Visitation of 1623, only married once, and his widow's name was Joan ; *v.* Brown's *Somerset Wills.)*

LAMYAT.—A small building consisting of nave with north and south porches, chancel, and tower at west end, all built in the perpendicular style or later. The porches are vaulted with stone, the tracery in the north one being very elaborate. The windows are unusually large for such a small building. The interior is, with the exception of an early font, destitute of anything of interest. This may be accounted for by the ominous inscription on a stone over the north door "William Webb, churchwardin, 1707." The font is a rough hewn specimen of the tub pattern, ornamented with a cable moulding. It is almost oval in shape, being 29 inches long and 24 inches wide, and 21 inches high. It is lined with lead, and still possesses an old cover. High up in the S.E. angle of nave is a line of jambs marking the doorway through which the priest stepped out on the roodloft. The staircase has been obliterated. The chancel has been rebuilt. The lower part of the tower seems older than the rest, but there are no distinctive features in either part. There is no staircase, and access is obtained to the belfry by an iron ladder placed outside. In the west wall are two heads which may have served as corbel stones in an earlier building.

184. BURIAL IN SHERBORNE ABBEY CHURCH.—Henry Burnell of Pointington, Esq., who died in 1491, by his will directs "my body to be buried within the Church of the Monastery of Sherborne in such place as the mynister of God may stand upon my bodye in the tyme of redynge of the Gospells or else my bodye to be buried in the myddyst of high aulter so that my bodye may ligh part underneath the same aulter so that the mynisters of Criste may stand upon my bodye whiles they shall mynister the blessed sacrament of our Lord's body. Nevertheless I will not presume this of myself but shall comyt that unto the pleasure of my good Lord and fader of the said monastery."

Will some one enlighten us on the meaning and object of this direction? JOHN BATTEN.

185. LONDON AND DORSET COACHES (V. xxxvi. 139).—FLYING COACH. If the *Exeter Flying Stage* arrived from London at Dorchester in two days, and at Exeter at the end of the 3rd day, about 1739, the speed must have been considered surprising. Those who made use of such a conveyance were doubtless looked upon as presumptuous, neck-or-nothing mortals.

There is a good house at Morcombelake, between Char-

mouth and Bridport, now no longer in the road, owing to this having been diverted. This was a road-side inn, where the judges slept. The Fly Coach from London to Exeter *slept* there the fifth night from town. The coach proceeded the next morning to Axminster, where *it* breakfasted, and there a woman barber *shaved the coach.* G. S. HENNING, M.A.

[In 1716, the Dorchester Coach set out from the One Bell Inn, near the May Pole, in the Strand, London. No. 313 is probably the site of this sign. See *Middx. and Herts N. & Q.*, Vol. ii., p. 121.—EDITOR FOR DORSET.]

186. A PIRATE MAYOR.—Two merchants of Sherborne in Dorsetshire were robbed of their cargo, worth £80, A.D. 1322, by Robert de Battyle. This transaction did not lose him the good opinion of his townsmen, who chose him Mayor of Winchelsea a few years later. It would be interesting to know the *names* of the unfortunate 'merchants' who were thus relieved by his embryonic light-fingered Worship.

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187. CARY FAMILY.—With reference to V. xxxvi. 136 n. will any of your correspondents prove that there was ever any family at Castle Cary properly called Carys of that place? Burke's statement in his "*Landed Gentry*" that Adam de Kary was lord of Castle Cary in 1198 seems to be quite wrong.

One of the Percival Lovels was then lord of Cary. As far as I can make out his name was Henry. If there was an Adam who came between Henry and Ralph, I should be glad to see the proof cited.

In later times, John Cary, the magistrate, whose father built a house at Dimmer in 1601, was not properly Cary of Cary but only a tenant of lands in the hamlet of Dimmer under Lord Hertford the then lord of the manor.

A.W.G.

188. BEQUESTS TO DORSET CHURCHES. (V. xxxvi. 147)—Is *Collant* the correct name? In the list of Rectors of Froome St. Quintin, or as it is now spelt *Frome* St. Quintin (Hutchins II. 650), I find it given "Thomas Covant or Couand, 1575, William Pistel, inst. 1617." Perhaps F. J. P. will kindly say.

S. R. B.

189. WOLSTAN.—Can any one give instances in Somerset or Dorset in which Wolstan occurs as a Christian name in or before the 17th century? D.

190. WARTON AND DUNCOMBE.—Wanted a clue to John Duncombe, 1763-1831, supposed cousin to Sir Benj. Hammet of Taunton. Also to Rev. John Warton's descendants. He was Vicar of Blandford, etc. (d. 1820?) What became of his sons? Did they enter the Navy? A.C.H.

191. THOMAS SHOEL.—Is there extant any biography or sketch of Thomas Shoel, the truly harmonious blacksmith of Montacute? Some of his tunes are good. Is there anywhere a collection of them?

JOHN W. STANDERWICK.

192. MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTION IN JAMAICA. (V. xxxvi. 144).—The one to the memory of Mr. George Bennett is printed in *Monumental Inscriptions of the Brit. West Indies*, by Capt. J. H. Lawrence Archer (1875) 276; transcribed from "Old Burial Ground, two miles beyond Halfway Tree—St. Andrew's Parish." The same stone is recorded to contain the following in continuation;—

"Here also lieth interred the Body of Mrs. Sarah Bennett, late Wife of his Grandson, the Honble. George Bennett, Esqr., who departed this life the 8th day of October, Anno Domini, 1733, aged 58 years, and married 39 years and 2 months. She was a wise and good Wife, and all that knew her will say the same, and the only daughter of Mr. John Rosewell, a Somersetshire family.

"Also the Bodies of seven Children, (vizt.) Ann and Mary Rosewell, William, John, Ann, Elizabeth, and Rebecca Bennett."

T. N. BRUSHFIELD, M.D.

193. PREBEND OF WARMINSTER IN WELLS CATHEDRAL (V. xxxvi. 148).—The quotation from Daniell's *History of Warminster* seems to imply that 'De Laico Feodo" was a third title of this prebend by its being described as Warminster alias Luxfield *or* "De Laico Feodo" But the words refer to the endowment of the Prebend being given *out of a lay tenure*.

So far from it not being known by whom this Prebend was founded, it is certain that it was founded by Robert Bingham, Bishop of Sarum, in A.D. 1236. And as to the Prebend being *merged in* the Longleat estate by arrangement with the Ecclesiastical Commission, the late Marquis of Bath purchased it of the Commissioners.

The Prebend of Warminster in Salisbury Cathedral is distinct and separate from this Prebend, but the early history of the two presents several knotty points for discussion, which must be the subject of a longer note at some future time.

The Prebend of "Wormesterr" or "Wormestre," which is sometimes confused with Warminster, may also be dealt with.

JAMES COLEMAN.

194. POWELL FAMILY. (IV. xxxii. 292, V. xxxiii. 30; xxxvi. 135.)

MORGAN POWELL.—He was of Taunton, Somerset (*circ. reg.* Eliz.) He had at least two children; *viz.*, Bridget, wife of

Francis Waterhouse, of London, gent. (Vis. 1634), and William Powell then of Taunton, gent., and afterwards a physician at Kingston-on-Thames, Surrey (Will prd. June 6, 1648).—*Who was said Morgan Powell's father?*

I am informed that the Prerogative Court of Canterbury contains wills indexed in the name Morgan Powell for the following years: 1570-1, 1574-5, 1622, 1638 (orig. and copy apparently lost), with one admon. for 1636-8, in Cardigan. *Which of these, if any, refers to the Taunton Morgan Powell?*

POWELL-JOHNSON.—Wm. Powell, physician, (*ob.* 1648, *vide supra*) mentions in his will his niece Marie, wife of John Johnson: *Was she not Mary Powell*, bap. at Stoke Gregory Church, Somerset, January 12, 1589, *dau. of John Powell Sr. of Stoke?* Where was she married, and where lived the Johnson family?

POWELL-HANCOCK.—Hester Powell *m.* Thomas Hancock in Stoke Gregory church, Oct. 13, 1674; her name appears among the "buried" May 20, 1690.—*Who were her parents?* She had a sister Ann Powell, of North Curry, who *m.* in Friends' Meeting at Grinton, 6 mo., 23, 1685, John Parsons of Middlezoy, all in the said county, and left with him and her nephew Samuel Powell, a lad, for Pennsylvania.

JOHN POWELL, Sr., of Stoke Gregory, buried 11 March, 1804; wife Joan (Weech or Welch?) John's parentage and will are wanted, with same particulars regarding his said wife.

JOHN POWELL, Jr., of Stoke Gregory, buried 27 Feb., 1618, then called the *elder*; wife Elizabeth Davidge. John's parents and will wanted; also his wife's.

P. S. P. CONNER.

195. Abstract of the will of "William Powell of Kingston upon Thames in the County of Surrey Physitian," dated the 15th day of April, 1639,—Vnto my sonne George Powell of Taunton Apothecary ten shillings, &c. because I have heretofore given him a large porc̃on and for some other secrett best known unto myself I have resolved to give him no larger Legacie &c. unto my grandchild Sarah Powell Daughter of my Sonne John Powell late deceased one hundred pounds when she shall attaine to the age of one and twenty yeares &c. unto Susan Waterhouse & Sarah Waterhouse daughters of my said [sic] Daughter ffrances &c. £40 "a piece" [at 21 years of age]. Mentions "my Grandson Thomas Waterhouse" my sister Bridgett Waterhouse, John Johnson and my neece Marie his wife" &c. "My two Burgages or tenements with their appurtenances in Taunton in the County of Somersett wherein Peter Pessimer or his Assignes now dwelleth together with all houses in Magdalen Lane parcell of the Lands of the Monastery of Sleme * in the said County of Somersett

* This is the ancient Cistercian Abbey of Cleeve or Clyve—Sleme being obviously a clerical error, inasmuch as Dr. Dugdale shews that this religious house had property in Taunton, producing £2 11 0 rent.

Which was bought of Mr. Eldred and Mr. Vernon by Mr. Roger Prowse, Mr. Robert Hill and Mr. John Thompson and by them Assigned over unto me the said William Powell &c. unto my sd Daughter ffrances Waterhouse and heires &c. my now dwelling houses and houses &c. which I bought of Mr. Samuell Buckley in Kingston aforesaid. All my other lands &c. Plate Jewells &c. unto my deare daughter ffrances Waterhouse &c. Executrixe &c. ffrancis Waterhouse my brother in lawe gent. Robert Wright of ye Middle temple gent. the Overseers &c. Witnesses: Richard Bennett, John Eaton. John Gawen, Dudley Short. Proved at London, 6 June 1648.—*Somerset House Will.*

Lay Subsidy 39 Elizabeth $\frac{171}{322}$ Somerset &c. Hundred de Taunton &c. Taunton Burgus. No member of the Powell family mentioned.

Lay Subsidy Roll, Somerset, 4 Charles I [A.D. 1627] Taunton Burgus. William Powell.

Lay Subsidy Roll Somerset 18 Charles I [A.D. 1642] $\frac{172}{410}$. "Hundred de Taunton Mr George Powell, Maior," &c.

Mr. George Powell mentions [inter alia] in his will (dated 5th of May, 1683, proved in the Archidiaconal Court 10th Sept., 1684) the "Red Lyon &c. in or neere the ffore streete Taunton."

In a paper which appears in the *Som. Arch. & Nat. Hist. Soc. Proceedings* during the year 1886 (page 140) on Somerset Trade Tokens by Mr. William Bidgood (Taunton Castle) appears No. 278 *Obv.* John. Powel. at The = A lion rampant. *Rev.* Red. Lyon. in Tavnton = I.D.P.

Extract from the Court Roll of the Manor of Taunton Deane, original in Latin. Hundred of Holway. George Powell of Taunton gen' [generosus] &c. Surrender by Henry Richards and Agnes his wife into the hands of the Lord of one messuage and half a virgat of bond land called Cutliffes in the Tithing of Galmington formerly of George Edwards and late of Robert Reynolds To the work [opus] and use of the said George Powell &c., Pledges [Plegium] Henry Crosse Robert Chick. Terminus de Hock, A.D. 1646.

Galmington lies in the parish of Wilton adjoining Taunton.

ALFRED JAS. MONDAY.

196. THE DIVINING ROD AT HOLNEST.—I was present at the use of the Divining Rod, for the discovery of a spring of water at Dubben's Farm, Holnest, Dorset, on 14th August, 1890, by Mr. Rufus à Barrow, the tenant of Sturt Farm, Stalbridge, Dorset, since deceased.

He gave the following account of his first experience in the art of a water-finder. He was present at an exhibition of the same facility by one Kingston, at Ditcheat, Somerset, some 40 years previously, but did not at the time believe in its reliability or genuineness, but on making trial in his own person, found that he was possessed of the same power.

Mr. à Barrow made no attempt at a theoretical explanation of the power which he asserted he possessed. He confessed he did not understand it. He said that the twig or rod, which he held in both hands, would move upwards when he passed over a spring, whether he was standing on the ground, riding on horse-back, or was perched on the top of a church tower. He attached no importance to the kind of wood employed, but said that any light sprig would suffice,—the rod evidently serving only as the index of the force at play. Nor was it necessary for the rod to be forked. A single straight stem, held pointing forwards, between the finger and thumb of one hand, would be adequate for the purpose.

I followed him as he walked about the neighbourhood of the farm-house. During the greater part of his circuit the rod remained stationary, but at one place it turned unmistakeably upwards, indicating, as was alleged, the existence of a spring. This Mr. à Barrow traced across a farm-road to a spot where he pronounced it to be strongest. Here a well was subsequently dug, and water has been found in it, but on the whole it has not been a great success.

Mr. à Barrow on this occasion also assured me that the rod would indicate the presence of gold equally well as that of water. Throwing a half-sovereign on the ground, he walked over the spot where it lay, when the rod in his hands immediately moved upwards!

I understood at the time that Mr. à Barrow did not demand payment for his services as a water-finder, but I have since been informed that his charge was two guineas.

I may add that when he had finished his experiments, I took the twig in hand myself, and although no result followed on my perambulations, I noticed that the slightest pressure of the fingers, scarcely perceptible to the consciousness of the operator or to the eyes of the spectator, would make the rod ascend.

Two other wells have been sunk at Holnest since that date, divined by other "dowsers"—one at Dyer's Farm, which has been successful—the other at Rye Water Farm, which has proved a complete failure. This latter farm was visited on 23rd March, 1893, by a water-finder, and a spot indicated, and a well sunk to the depth of 30 feet, but as no water was found, the services of another "dowser" were procured, who selected practically the same spot. The first well was filled in, and a second one sunk, a few paces away, for 30 feet, and then a boring made through a thick bed of Oxford clay for 269 feet more, when the head of the boring instrument was broken off, and still remains at the bottom of the hole. The end of the clay was not reached, and no water obtained. This boring took place early in 1895.

C. H. Mayo.

197. QUAKERS IN DORSET AND SOMERSET.—The following is copied from "*A Brief Account of Many of the Prosecutions of the People call'd Quakers,*" &c., London, 1736.

ARTHUR SCHOMBERG.

DORSETSHIRE.

1696. William Mocket of Broadway was prosecuted at Common Law for Tithes, at the suit of John Page, Rector of Broadway. [For 6 years' tithe, value £9 10s.; verdict, Treble Damages, Execution awarded, and in the beginning of the year 1697, 8 cows were taken away, worth £32.]

1696. James Haviland of Corf-Castle, in the Isle of Purbeck, was prosecuted in the Ecclesiastical Court for a Church-Rate (so called).

1696. James Haviland aforesaid was prosecuted in the Common Pleas, at the suit of George King, Rector of Langton Matravers. [For a demand of £4 Tithes, he had taken from him by an Execution, 3 Milch Cows, 5 Steers and 1 Bull, valued by a moderate computation at £27.]

1699. James Haviland aforesaid was prosecuted on the Statute for Treble Damages, at the suit of George King, Rector of Langton Matravers, and also of the suit of James Parkins, Rector of Corfe-Castle. [Verdict for each of the Parsons to the value of 40/-, for which judgment and execution was awarded for each of them £17. On the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Days of the Month called April, 1700, he had 2 Bibles, his Household Goods, Bedding, Linen, Wearing Apparel, &c., taken away to the value of £50.]

1699. Thomas Strong was prosecuted at Common Law for Tithes, at the suit of James Parkins, Parson of the Parish of Corfe. [For a Demand of £1 10s. 6d. Tithes and Costs of Suit. Judgment awarded at Dorchester Assizes in 1699 for £15 11s. 6d.]

1699. Thomas Strong aforesaid was prosecuted in the Exchequer, at the suit of Matthew Bowles, Parson. [For a Demand of £4 Tithe had taken from him, by sequestration, an Estate, being Chattel-Lease, worth £50, His Goods and Corn on the Ground, worth £20.]

1706. The Widow How was prosecuted in the Ecclesiastical Court for 4/6, a Church-Rate (so called).

1706. George Harris of Tarrant Rushton was prosecuted in the Ecclesiastical Court, at the suit of Frampton Roges, for Tithe. [Committed to Dorchester Gaol by Warrant from two Justices, grounded on the Statute 27 Hen. 8 for 10/- demanded for Tithes, and £3 8s. 11d. for Costs of Suit: The Tithe claimed was for Sheep, Barley, Apples, &c. After about seven Months Imprisonment, he was remov'd by *Habeas Corpus* to Queen's Bench Bar, and discharged upon pleading the Errors in the Warrant of his Commitment.]

1709. Ann Seymour, Widow, of Murnhall, was prosecuted

in the Ecclesiastical Court, at the suit of Matthew Hunt and John Moore, Wardens. [After nine Months Prosecution for 4/5¾, was committed to the County Gaol at Dorchester on the 17th of the Month called July, 1707, on a Writ of *de Excommunicato capiendo*, and continued Prisoner near two years, till discharged by an Act of Grace.]

1720. Thomas Hart of Beaminster, Baker, was prosecuted in the Exchequer, at the suit of Peter Brice, Parson of an adjacent Parish call'd Netherbury in Terrâ. [For five years small Tithes of an Orchard and Cottage usually valued at 5/- per annum. The poor man to avoid apparent Ruin, and prevent the Loss of his Creditors by this Prosecution, sold what little he had, and paid his just Debts: after which the Parson dropt his suit.]

SOMERSETSHIRE.

1696. William Reeve of Wivelscomb was prosecuted in the Ecclesiastical Court for small Tithes. [Procur'd a Prohibition out of one of the Temporal Courts, and stopt Proceedings.]

William Lyddon of the Parish of Withil was prosecuted in the Exchequer for Tithes, at the suit of William Pratt in the Behalf of some Children of an Impropriator. [Committed to Taunton Gaol in the Month call'd April, 1697, and was continued Prisoner many years till he died.]

1698. John Coate and Henry Coate his son were prosecuted in the Exchequer for Tithes at the suit of Joseph Horsey, Parson of Kingsbury. [The Parson first summon'd them before the Justices, but they judging his Demand unreasonable, being £26 for twelve years Tithe, would have reduced the same to £14, which he disliking, resolv'ed to proceed another way: But the said John Coate dying in a short time after, the suit dropt.]

George Priest of Taunton Dean was prosecuted in the Exchequer for Tithes, at the suit of Smart Goodenough, Impropriator of Pitminster.

Edward Atwood of Salford was prosecuted in the Court of Common Pleas, at the suit of William Keate, Parson, for Tithes. [Arrested by a pretended or false Writ, in the Month call'd February, 1698, and committed to Prison; on the 19th of the Month call'd July, 1699, had 6 Cows, 2 Horses, and a Mow of Hay seized; But upon a discovery made of its being a false Prosecution, he was discharged by a *supersedeas*, and his Goods order'd to be restor'd.]

1698. Robert Banton of Long Sutton was prosecuted at Common Law for Tithes, at the suit of Henry Lockyer, Tithe-farmer under the Earl of Northampton. [For great Tithe of £7 or £8 value, verdict against him at Taunton Assizes in the Month call'd March, 1698, for £15, which at Treble Damages amounted to £45, for which he had taken from him 12 Plow Bullocks and 5 Cows worth £80, of which they returned 2 Bullocks, £10.]

1699. Edward Atwood aforesaid, and his Son, were prosecuted in the Ecclesiastical Court for Easter Offerings, and Tithes for Hens, Eggs, &c., at the suit of the said W. Keate. [Both Excommunicated about the 6th of the Month call'd August, 1699.]

James Hull was prosecuted in the Exchequer for Tithes at the suit of Edmund Caush, John Pattin and Roger Saint, Tithe-farmers under Andrew Walner, Esq., Impropriator. [For £3 per annum for Tithe, committed to Prison in November, 1699.]

Robert Wills of Chiselborough was prosecuted in the Exchequer for Tithes at the suit of Henry Lockyer of Long Sutton, Tithe-farmer. [8/- Tithe for 2 Acres of Flax.]

Jeremiah Bewsey was prosecuted in the Ecclesiastical Court for Tithes at the suit of John Bower, Vicar of Burnham. [Committed to Ilchester Gaol on a Writ *de Excommunicato capiendo*, on the 19th of the Month called January, 1699, and remained a Prisoner several years.]

George Besgrove of Muchelney was prosecuted in the Ecclesiastical Court for a Demand of 4/4 for a Church Rate (so called) at the suit of John Pridle, Warden. [He and John Pedle (*vid. inf.*) committed to Prison on a Writ *de Excommunicato capiendo*, the latter continued a Prisoner several years.]

John Pedle of Muchelney was prosecuted in the Ecclesiastical Court for a Demand of 3/10, for a Church-Rate (so called) at the suit of John Pridle, Warden.

Edward Atwood of Salford was prosecuted in the Court of Common Pleas at the suit of William Keate, Parson.

(*To be continued*).

[The Quakers appear to have objected to pay Tithes, even after they had become private property in the hands of Impropriators. EDITOR FOR DORSET.]

198. THE CUCKING OR DUCKING STOOL.——Roberts in his *Social History of the Southern Counties*, pages 154 *et seq.*, gives full particulars of the instrument and its use, not only for the punishment of scolds but for a variety of misdemeanants. In the Weymouth Records the mention of this form of punishment is rare, but one of them is expressed by the Clerk of the Court with so much unction that it is perhaps worth copying in the pages of *S. & D. N. & Q.* It is dated Apr. 26, 1620, and the presentment is as follows:—

"Juratores predicti presentant quod vidua Katharina Ashe, Temperantia Stickland, Gratia Turner, Thomasina Longe et Johanna Clarke, vicesimo die Aprilis Anno Regni, &c., et diversis aliis diebus et vicibus tam antea quam postea apud Burgum, &c., fuerunt Rixæ et pacis dicti domini Regis perturbatrices et vexatrices vicinorum suorum et aliorum dicti domini Regis in Burgo, &c., ac communes molestatrices et seminatrices

lituum et discordiarum inter vicinos suos ad magnum grauamen et perturbacionem vicinorum suorum et aliorum fidelium dicti domini Regis in Burgo, &c.

The sentence is as follows :—

Juratores dicunt super sacramentum suum quod predictæ Temperantia Stickland, Gratia Turner, Thomassina Longe et Johanna Clarke sunt culpabiles et quod predicta Katherina Ashe, non est et Ideo ordinatum est per curiam quod predictæ Temperantia Stickland, Gratia Turner, Thomassina Longe et Johanna Clarke laventur (Anglice ducked) et quod predicta Katherina Ashe sit quieta." Temperantia and Gratia strike one as being singularly inappropriate names for common scolds. T.B.G.

199. Gore Hedge. Frome-Selwood.—Relating to the short bye-road which connects cross-wise the main road from Keyford to Frome town and Christchurch Road East and which is called Gore Hedge, there is a local tradition that eight men of the neighbourhood of Frome-Selwood, having joined Monmouth's Rebellion, were sentenced at the Bloody Assizes to be hanged, drawn and quartered, and that their dissevered heads being set upon this spot, it thence derived its name. But Gore Hedge was so called long before ; in the will of Henry Vincent of Keyford, dated 18th July, A.D. 1487, occurs the item "*Lego ad reparacionem vie que jacet per unam sepem que vocatur Gore Hedge vj s viij d.*" The appellation of the Hedge—which dwelling-houses for many years have supplanted—seems to be one of the few relics in Frome of the mediaeval open-field system of agriculture, when those portions of the common fields of a township which could not be divided into the usual acre or half acre strips on account of the shape of the land, had to be cut up into angular pieces called "gores," or "gored acres" (*vide* Mr. Seebohm's *English Village Community*, Chap. I., and *cf.* Mr. Edward Kite's remarks on the manor or farm of St. John a Gore on Salisbury Plain, in *Wiltshire Notes and Queries*, June, 1896, p. 84.) May not the hedge in question have been that which bounded a "gore" on the town-side in one of the common fields of the people of Frome-Selwood? E. M. Thompson.

200. On the Name Glastonbury.—A letter by T. Fredk J. Blaker in the *Standard*, Nov. 19th, 1895, "on Woad or Rouge" has suggested the following derivation of the name *Glastonbury*. Its derivation, as the Hill Fort of the (suppositious) tribe of Glæstings, is very unsatisfactory. The suffix "bury" to the syllable "ton" is also suspicious.

Cæsar, in his *De bello Gallico*, lib. 5, cap. 14, writes "omnes vero se Britanni *vitro* inficiunt quod cæruleum efficit colorem."

Pomponius Mela "*De situ orbis*," 3, c. 6, repeats this use of *vitrum*.

Wm. of Malmesbury tells us that the old name of Glastonbury

is *Ines Vitrin*, *i.e.*, the *Isle of Vitrin or Woad*, for woad was the plant used by our ancestors to dye *blue*.

Pliny the Elder (*Hist.*, Delphin Edition, 22.2) writes that the British women dyed themselves black with *Glastum* "simile plantagini (*i.e.*, planta-genista)" "*glastum* in Gallia vocatur." Glas is the Celtic word for *green*. Glaslys the Celtic name for the *woad* or "Dyer's green weed" as it is often called.

Hence, whether we take the Latin name "*Inis Vitrin*" or the Celtic *Glastonbury*, we come to the same derivation—Island or Hill on which the Woad grows—Woad-Isle or Woad-hill.

There are *two* plants which bear the name of *Woad*.

Isatis Tinctoria, which was until recently cultivated in the county for use as a dye, and is still occasionally found here, and *Genista Tinctoria*, which is a common weed in the neighbourhood of Glastonbury.

These dyes were used probably to colour the textile fabrics which were made at a very early date in the lake village near Glastonbury, as well as to adorn the faces of the inhabitants. We can hardly suppose they did not wear clothes in this climate.

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201. BRUTON DEEDS AT COKER COURT.—Charter *s. d.* (*circ.* Edw. iii.) whereby Henry de Careville grants to Nicholas Poer one acre of arable land in the south field of Brywton which lies between the land formerly of Terry de Brywton and the land of Roger le Sulye. To hold the same to him his heirs and ass. rendering yearly a red rose, and in consideration of such grant Nicholas releases to Henry all his right in La Burycrofte. Warranty. Test. Will de Godmaneston, John Huscarl, Robert le Spicer, John de Evercrich, Will. Rugge and many others.—Seal gone.

Dated at Bruton, 10 Dec., 26 Edw. III in Norman French. } Deed whereby Henry le Frye of Bruton, grants to John Hurscarl all the close which he [Henry] held in the manor of Milton "Assis juxta la Comb" for the life of Alice his [Henry's] wife under the yearly rent of 20 sous (soudz). Power of distress. Test. Walt. de Palton, Laur. de Wyk, Thos. de Chickwell, John de Selewode, Matthew (Mahu) Pake and others.

Dated at Bruton, Sunday in the Feast of Assump. of B.V.M., 34 Ed. III. } Charter whereby Alice la Frye, daughter of Edward le Hayward of Bruton in full power of her widowhood grants to William Brewer Chaplain and Peter de Atton (or Acton) Two acres of arable land lying in the fields of Bruton whereof one acre lies against the King's Highway which leads to Pydecombe at La Toffe and the other acre lies adjoining the way which leads to Wyke in the south part between the land of the Prior of Bruton on the one side and the land of the Lord of Wyke on the other and stretches (extendit se) in length to (super)

Wykemere on the north. To hold in fee. Warranty. Test. John de Mershton, Nich. Huscarl, Will. Polayn, Nich. Frere, John Huscarl, senr, and others.

Circular seal partly broken, red wax, a virgin stands holding infant in her left arm. I. H. on either side—underneath demi figure of Monk with uplifted hands.

Saturday after Feast of Ascension, 19 Ric. II } Lease by Matthew Craas of Frome and Katherine his wife to John Gregory, Alianore his wife and Thomas son of the sd John of a Cottage Grange and close of land in Bruton for their lives at the yearly rent of 3s Test. John Cable of Frome, Wm. Barowe, Walter Quyk, Ralph Smyth, Thos. Wodemull and others.

Dated at Frome. 3rd Sep., 3 Hen. VI. } Robert Craas of Frome, son and heir of Katherine Pake, grants to John Gregory and Richd. Weston all his lands in Bruton in fee. Test. John Flory arm. Thos. Bathe, John Twynyho, Wm. Poleyn, Thos. Craas, James Craas, Ric. Osbarn, and others.

15 July, 7 Hen. IV. Charter whereby Elias, son and heir of Willm Comb of Bristol, grants to John Gregory of Bruton all his lands and tenements in Bruton to hold to him, his heirs and ass. Test. James Fitzjames, John Flory, John Juyn, Thos. Wyke, John Weylond and others.

Dated at Bruton, Feast of St. Maur, Abbat, 7 Hen. IV. } John Batyn alias Poer releases to Richd. Spryngold and John Candel all his right to a messuage he had lately enfeoffed them of situate in *Bruton* in a street called Gye Street. Test. John Bryce, Thomas Tanner, John Trappe, Henry Dremet, Wm. Bruwer and others. J.B.

202. GILLINGHAM FOREST, DORSET.—The following petition is derived from papers in the possession of Mr. Troyte-Chafyn-Grove. It is undated, but as William, Earl of Pembroke, to whom it is addressed, died in 1630, it must have been presented previous to that date. It is endorsed "A dispute about the Right of ye Ranger of Gillingham Forrest coming to Hunt in ye Woods & on the Lands at Zeals." C.H.M.

"To the right Honorable William Earle of Pembroke Lord Chamberlen to ye Kings Matie.

The humble peticion of William Chafyn Esqr. Humblie sheweth that hee is owner of a Mannor aud lands in Sailes in the countie of Wiltess and of certein woods belonging to the the same beeing preserved and stoared wth hawkes Phesants partridges and other game as fitting to an auncient poore gentleman's seat wch is well knowne to yor lo Ranger and Keepers of the forest of Gillingam to be w^thout the said forrest or purleiu

ther-of above a myle from yt and beeing in the countie of Wiltess whereas the said forest and purleiues are wholie in the countie of Dorset In wch woods some few of the forrest deer have sometymes harboured wch this petition^{r} did allwaies carefullie preserve from spoile and so retorned to the forrest but the Ranger and keepers were ever denied to hunt over those woods nor ever chalenged anie right so to doe untill of late that Arthure Hargill yor Lo Ranger and William Morgan a keeper and divers other their adherents to that forrest maliciouslie intending to the vsurped libertie vpon yor peticion^{rs} grounds and also the spoile of the said preserved game in those woods have vnder coullor to fetch out the deer moste outragiouslie and riotouslie in the night tyme entred the same wth armed weapons and greivouslie beaten and wounded your peticion^{rs} servants all wch this peticion^{r} heertofore endeavoured to make knowne to yor Lo: bothe by his frinds and by his peticion before hee would attempt anie suite in Lawe, as beeing willing to submyt all to yor Lo. honorable censure craving onlie the anncient freedome of his lands But since that tyme the said Hargill and his assistants have at severall other tymes hunted over this peticion^{rs} grounds and made coursinges and sportes at the deer for his owne pleasure to himself and his frinds as in despite to this peticion^{r} albeeyt when this peticion^{r} in nayborlie manner intreated a course at a single deer for his frind the said Ranger so discurteouslie and in such vncivill manner denied the same that much quarrell had like to have risen therbie yf this peticion^{r} beeing a sworne p$_{r}$server of the peace had not carefullie prevented the same And the said Hartgill still labouring to drawe this peticion^{rs} lands and woods wthin his comaund to the said forrest (wch in right are not soe) hath latelie procured some warrant from the princes Councell forbidding the freeholders and tennants of his heighnes mannor and hundred of Meer to hunt or kill anie of the forrest deer wch the said freeholders doe conceive is donne more to couller the said Hargills owne manyfeste sporte of deer then vpon anie iust cause for it is to bee proved that if anie such spoile of deer have been the same hath been donne tenne [times] more by the Ranger and his adherents then by anie borderer or freeholder of wch Riotts and misdemeanors this petition^{r} hath latelie drawne the same to question in lawe and albeeyt the said Hargill denieth to bee present at that ryott wch is confessed to be donne and manifestlie to bee proved that hee was at yt yet this peticion^{r} as one most desierous to reteyne yor Lo. honorable favour in all thinges.

Humblie praieth yor Lo. would bee pleased either to heare and redresse theis differrences and wronges, or else to allowe this peticion^{r} (without incurring yor Lo. displeasure) to proceed bothe to question these misdemeano^{rs} and also trie the freedome of his lands from the forest according to the

lawe, wch notwthstanding hee will most humblie submitt the comaund of all to yor honoly pleasure and still praie for yor Lopps happie prosperetie."

203. Rectory of Kingsdown, Somerset.—The following is a copy (with the omission only of legal verbiage) of the grant of the advowson of this church, formerly in the gift of the Abbess of Shaftesbury, by Edw. VI. to Lord Clynton and Saye, K.G., High Admiral of England, 15 April, 6 Edw. VI.

"Rex omnibus ad quos, &c., salutem, Sciatis quod nos tam in consideracione boni veri et fidelis servicii per dictum et fidelem consiliarium nostrum Edwardum Fynes, preclari ordinis garterii militem, Dominum Clynton et Saye, ac Magnum Admirallum nostrum Anglie, nobis ante hac multipliciter prestiti et impensi, quam in consideracione expensarum sumptuum et custagii per predictum habitorum et expenditorum in itinere suo in Galliam ad nostrum mandatum jam nuper confecto ibidem in Baptismo Edwardi Alexandri filii Francorum Regis vice nomine et loco nostris deputatum et assignatum specialem....per presentes damus et concedimus prefato domino Clynton et Saye....Aceciam advocacionem donacionem presentacionem liberam disposicionem et jus patronatus Rectorie et ecclesie de Kyngesdowne predicte....necnon omnia et singula....advocaciones presentaciones et jura patronatus.... in villis campis parochiis seu hamlettis de Kyngesdowne in dicto comitatu nostro Somersetie ....Adeo plene libere et integre....prout Elizabeth Zouche nuper Abbatissa dicti nuper Monasterii [de Shaston alias Shaftisbury].... antequam nuper Monasterium illud ad manus precharissimi patris nostri devenit aut dictus nuper Comes Northumbrie ....aut dictus Thomas Arundell....tenuerunt....et adeo plene ....prout ea omnia ad manus predicti precharissimi patris nostri aut ad manus nostras racione vel pretextu dissolucionis.... dicti nuper monasterii, aut racione vel pretextu attincture et conviccionis dicti Thome Arundell aut....alicujus actus Parliamenti....devenerunt. Habendum....prefato Domino Clynton et Saye, heredibus et assignatis suis imperpetuum tenendum de nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris in capite, per servicium militare per servicium vicesime partis unius feodi militis....T. R. apud Westm, xv die Aprilis.

Per ipsum Regem, &c.

(Patent Roll, 6 Edw. VI., p. 7, m. 9.) Δ.

204. Fairs at Lambert's Castle.—The following memorandum relating to fairs held at Lambert's Castle, Dorset, was entered in the Register of the parish of Hawkchurch, on 27th April, 1832, by Dr. James Rudge, the Rector:—

"There are at present holden on Lambert's Castle two annual fairs, the one in the month of June, for which a charter was granted by Henry VI., of some consequence—a few years

since it was celebrated for the excellence of its races, wrestling, and other manly sports, and it not unfrequently happened that they were graced by forty or fifty equipages of the neighbouring gentry; but latterly, owing to various causes, few persons of any consequence attend the fair, and it is now holden chiefly for the sale of cattle. The fair is always on the third Wednesday and Thursday in June, but it has been changed, very unwisely, from the days mentioned in the charter."

EDITOR FOR DORSET.

205. WITHAM. (I. v. 193, IV. xxv, 2, xxvi. 50, xxvii. 76).—The following extract from the *Pipe Roll*, 1 Rich. I., does not seem to have been noticed in reference to the *vexata quæstio* of the depopulation of Witham when the Charterhouse was established. 'In terris datis in Sumerseta: Galfrido de Wandestrea vii li. numero in Nord curi, tenendam de Henrico de Novo Mercato sicut tenuerat terram quam Rex dedit (predictis) fratribus de Chartuse. Et Willielmo fratri Gilberti de Norfolch' viii li. in eadem villa tenendam de eodem Henrico sicut Gilbertus frater suus tenuerat de eodem Henrico terram illam quam Rex dedit predictis fratribus.' [p. 146 of printed copy]. This means that two tenants of Henry of Newmarche had been recompensed with land belonging to the royal domains to the yearly value of £15 in North Curry to make up for that which they had lost in Witham. Also that their overlord was still to retain his privileges, which had come to him (whether by descent, purchase, or forfeiture is not known) from Turstin fitz Rolf and Roger de Corcelle, Domesday tenants of Witham. Now in the *Wells MSS.*, p. 162, is an abstract of the charter of Henry 'senior,' *i.e.* Hen. II., granting land in Cnappe, N. Curry, worth £8, to Gilbert de Norfolk, to be held of Gilbert Malet on the same terms as he held the lands in Witham, which the king had given to the brethren 'de Chartosa'; and appended to this charter is a list of twenty-seven sub-tenants who are to be provided with holdings in their new home. Gilbert de Malet was the representative of Roger de Corcelle, the Domesday tenant of one part of Witham, abstracted from Brewham. It has hitherto been considered that these twenty-seven sub-tenants with their families (at 4½ to each family=121) were the whole population of Witham who made their enforced exodus to N. Curry, but the Pipe Roll entry is clear evidence that there must have been another batch, perhaps only differing in the proportion of 7 to 8, who were moved with their lord Geoffrey de Wandestrow to Stathe, also in N. Curry. That it was Stathe comes out in *Wells MS.*, p. 158; grant to the Lady Matilda, widow of Odo de Wandestrow, of religious privileges in her chapel newly built at Stade, parish of N. Curry. The overlordship of Gilbert de Malet seems to have passed to Henry Newmarche before 1189. The result of combining the two entries is a satis-

TOMB OF PHILIP DAUBENEY, JERUSALEM.

208. DAUBENEY TOMB AT JERUSALEM.—Whilst in Jerusalem last November I made a point of carefully observing the tomb of Philip Daubeney [II. ix. 4, 31] and obtaining a photograph of it.

The approach to the church of the Holy Sepulchre is along a narrow street or lane between tall houses. The lane runs parallel with the front of the church. Suddenly on the left-hand there is a gap, the tall house-walls cease and instead, the lane skirts the longer side of an open oblong paved space, say 20 yards by 12. From the inner edge of this space rises the gothic façade of the church. The lower half of the façade is nearly filled with a pair of first-pointed arches, separated only by a small cluster of five pillars.

The excellent engraving shows the base of the foremost of these clustered pillars and the pavement adjacent thereto, and in it the tombstone of *Phillippus de Aubinedi* (1). It is about 7½ feet by 3 feet, but narrowed to 2 feet at the foot. It is of yellowish white stone (*mizzee* is its local name) and rises, with chamfered edges, about an inch above the surrounding pavement. A man standing on the spot represented by the lower left-hand corner of the engraving could with one stride, touch the door of the church. The stone is slightly damaged at the head, but so well preserved that the inscription can be read without difficulty. Doubtless its good preservation is owing to its having been covered for centuries by some steps (2). But when we observe the constant trickle of natives, pilgrims and visitors passing in to the Holy Sepulchre, many of whom must needs tread upon it; and when we remember the occasional great crowds (as on Maundy Thursday for the Washing of feet and Easter Eve for the Holy fire) we cannot expect that it will keep its good condition. The cracked and flaked and uneven stones around prophesy that its future cannot be as long as its past.

It is one of the rarest things to find in Jerusalem inscriptions of the crusading period (3), and this is said to be the only Crusader's tomb there inscribed and *in situ*. As such, it should interest those who come from any part of Christendom: Russia or Abyssinia, Greece or America. But chiefly it moves an Englishman, and in an especial degree, a man of Somerset.

Unfortunately for the writers of II. ix. 31 the account from which they both drew (4) was not only inadequate but inaccurate. King John did not slay, but imprisoned the nobles whom he captured at Rochester (5). Henry III. was crowned the first time

(1) There are 25 variants of the name in the Red Book of the Exchequer Rolls Edn.

(2). Letter of Lt. Charles Warren to Palestine Explorn. Fund. Aug. 1867.

(3). Quart. Stat. Pal. Explor. Fund, 1874, 270,.

(4). Quarterly Stat., 1887—p. 76.

(5). Matt. Paris Hist. Major. Wats. London 1640, p. 270.

not at Winchester, but at Gloucester, and in his tenth year (5a). It is a mistake to say that Philip Daubeney was of the baronial party, 'helped to wrest the charter from the king,' 'signed the charter,' and was 'compelled' to accompany John to the north. There is nothing *to show* that 'he was at Acre in 1228,' and a good deal to show that he did not 'reside in the Holy Land from his first going out in 1222 until his death in 1236.' Indeed Matthew Paris speaks of him as *in Terrâ sanctâ peregrinando pluries* (6).

Dudgale says (7). that Philip de Albini was made governor of Ludlow Castle in 1206 and a Daubeney pedigree makes him governor of Jersey and Guernsey in 1207. There are frequent Letters Patent, Charters and Close Rolls respecting his administration of the Channel Islands, the first which I have seen being in 1213 and the latest in 1234 (8).

In 1207 we find Philip accompanying the King to Marlboro' in June and Woodstock in Aug. In September whilst John was making his way from Winchester to Wells he tarried two nights at Barrington and executed some Letters Patent there (9). Barrington was a dependant of the manor of South Petherton which Philip held "*in Balla* at the will of the King" and was then reckoned to be worth £40 a year (10). In 1208 whilst at Newark the King gave him the manor of Ingleby (11)., and 26 years later we find William de Engleby acting as Philip's attorney in respect of land in South Petherton whilst its lord was on Crusade (12).

In 1212 the King puts into his charge the royal ward *Philipp. fil. Regin. de Chartr.* (13), whoever that may have been.

In those troublous days of Interdict and Excommunication, Deposition and submission, granting and evading the Great Charter, revolt and return to allegiance many a man's manors were confiscated and again returned to him. Philip Daubeney had in many such instances lands committed to him. It may suffice to mention one. In 1215 John committed to him the lands of Maurice de Gant in the counties of York, Gloucester, Oxford and Somerset. Perhaps it was in this connection that Philip became Constable of Bristol (14).

(5a). Ibid, 289.

(6). Ibid, 432. M.P. would be interested in a great grandson of the Founder of Belvoir and a kinsman of one of the former Abbots of S. Alban's. And Roger de Wendover was Prior of Belvoir. See Dugdale's Monasticon.

(7). Dugdale's Baronage, London, 1675, 115.

(8). Cal. Rot. Pat. in Turri Lond. 15 John m 4.
Calendar of Close Rolls MSS. P.R.O. 18 Hen. III. m 19.

(9). Cal. Rot. Pat. as above, 75 b. See Itinerary in Introd.

(10). Testa de Nevile. Hundr' de Su' P'ton.

(11). Cal. Rot. Pat. as above, 10 John p 6.

(12). Calendar of Close Rolls as above, 19 Hen. III. m 10d.

(13). Cal. Rot. Chart. in Turri Lond. 188. (14). Ibid 226 b. 281 b.

At the time of the Great Charter he is not mentioned amongst those who exacted it of the King but was threatened by them as not being of their party (15). At Runnymede he was *ex parte regis* with Bishop Jocelin (16), and was not amongst the 25 Barons appointed to see that the King executed the charter, but amongst those who were made to swear that they would obey the commands of the 25 Barons (17).

He accompanied John (18) in 1215 when he went ravaging the Midlands with sword and famine, sparing neither men's bodies nor their possessions, age nor sex nor condition. As the King went he appointed custodians of the castles he captured; and Philip was made Castellan of Bridgnorth (19).

Philip was at Bristol with John within two months of his death (20) and we are not surprised to find him at Gloucester on Oct. 28, 1216 (21) when John's son was sworn and anointed by Bishop Jocelin as Henry III., nor to gather that the Earl Marshal as *custos regis* appointed him *informator et magister* of the ten-year old sovereign (22). Probably the chronicler is linking the work of both together when he says that *custodis sui doctrina venerabilis, et in educatione diligens informatio* (23) increased the natural graces of the young king.

Amongst the first duties of the King's party was the ridding England of Lewis the dauphin, whom the Barons had called to their aid against John; so, that same winter, Fillippum de Aubeni makes war on Lewis' troops at Dheria (24) and Chichester (25) Castles in Sussex, and all the men of the south-east are requested by the King to give him help (26).

In May, 1217, he helped in the retaking of the city of Lincoln from the adherents of Lewis, and in the relief of the Castle which was being held for the King. We observe that he is not numbered with the seven *principes* of the army, but as one of the ten *barones* (27). His next task was to prevent the landing of reinforcements from France. With Hubert de Burgh he met the French in the famous fight off Calais, and whilst Hubert took the chief part, Philip with his crossbow men, slingers and archers, poured in a deadly and unceasing shower, making a great slaughter; and then, having safely disposed of the prisoners, he informed the King of the 'miraculous victory' (28).

The nobles who had been alienated by the misrule of John were now giving in their allegiance to the young King, and such

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(15) Hist. Major 255. (16). Ibid, 255. (17). Ibid, 262.
(18). Ibid, 274. (19). Cal. Rot. Pat. as above, 136b.
(20). Cal. Rot. Chart. 282b. (21). Hist. Major 289.
(22). Matt. Paris Hist. Minor, Rolls Ed. 196, 249.
(23). Ibid, 197. (24). Annales Monastici. Rolls Edn. iii. 48.
(25) Dugdale as above. (26). Pat. 1 Hen. III. m 13.
(27). Hist. Major 295.
(28). Ibid, p. 298. Social England Vol. i. c. iv. Green's Short Hist. 127.

as Philip, who held their forfeit lands, had to surrender them (29). But instead, and in recognition of his great services, the King gave him at that time Brier le Wier in Essex (30), the lands of William de Noers at Burhurnt, Southampton (31), the Custody *villæ de* Writele (32), the lordships of Torksey and Grimsby (33), the manor of Sepwick which was *de honore Leic.* (34), and made him governor of Devizes Castle and keeper of the forests of Melksham and Chippenham (35).

At Christmas, 1219, the King was at Marlboro', but Philip Daubeney was with the legate Pandulph at Salisbury (36) advising him as to Llewellyn of Wales.

We hear of him next as a Crusader. In the Autumn of 1221 evil reports had reached the west from brother Peter of Montacute, Master of the Templars (37): "unless we have help next summer all we have gained in Syria and Egypt will be at risk" (38). Philip's father had been a Crusader and had died in the Holy Land 30 years earlier (39), and he himself was cherishing a hope that he might find burial in the land where his Lord had been buried, and which held the bones of his father. And now at this urgent call he starts on 'the Jerusalem journey,' probably in the year 1222 (40).

He had been for some years *Regisque Anglorum magister eruditor fidelissimus* (41); but the King was already expecting envoys with a bull from the Pope which declared him, though but 15 years of age, capable of governing the realm (42). And so *Philippus de Albeneio miles strenuus et morum honestate commendabilis* was free to wage war for the Holy places. They set sail on the Assumption from Marseilles, and on the Monday before the Nativity of the B.V. arrived off Damietta (43).

The capture of even the tower of Damietta in 1219 had filled the Soldan with so great rage that he had, in spite, half ruined Jerusalem (44). But the seige of Damietta itself brought him to his knees—he offered to surrender 'that which the Christians so rightly asked, the land where their God was born, and lived, and died' (45). The offer had been refused, and the town, 'the key of the whole of Egypt' taken, to the great joy of all Christendom.

Imagine then, the dejection of Philip on his arrival in Egypt,

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(29). Rot. Chart. Passim anno 1217. (30). Ibid 347.
(31). Ibid 350. (32). Pat. 1 Hen. III. m 2.
(33). Rot. Chart. 364a. (34). Ibid 394.
(35). Rot. Chart. 395 a. Dugdale says he held them till 8 Hen. III.
(36). Royal, etc. Letters of reign of Henry III. Rolls Ed. i. 59.
(37). Hist. Major. 64. (38). Hist. Minor 248.
(39). Collinson History of Somerset, iii. 108. and Daubeney pedigree in Nichol's History of Leicestershire.
(40). Dugdale. Matt. Paris seems to put it a little later.
(41). Hist. Major 313. (42). Ibid, 318. (43). Ibid, 313.
(44). Ibid, 303. (45). Ibid, 307 and Hist. Minor 235.

to find ships returning with those who had evacuated Damietta! and worse than that, had made an eight years' truce with the Saracens! He turned his ship towards Acre, arrived there the next day, and sent back a letter to the West which filled all men with confusion (46). In the parallel place in the *Abbrevatio Chronica* Matt. Paris says that Philip Daubeney returned that same year. The Editor of the Rolls Ed. notes it as a mistake. But Dugdale says (47) that he safely returned, and certainly in Nov. of that year the citizens of Rochelle write to Henry III. that their Ambassadors had returned from him saying that 'Philip Daubeney had heard at the court of France that the Barons and towns of Poitou would turn to King Philip; they had thought no such thing, and whoever had said this *Domino Philippo maximum protulit mendacium* (48). Had Philip heard this on his way home? Two years later all the citizens of Rochelle, save one, did turn to the King of France (49).

In 1223 Philip Daubeney answered for seven knights' fees and a half in Somerset. Six being of the fee of William Martel, and one and a half of the fee of Moritain at Montacute (50). And we know that he was then in England, for the chronicler of Dunstaple has an amusing account of some of the younger citizens of London who being riotously angry with the Abbot of Westminster pursued him when he went to seek help from Ph. Daubeni *familiaris domini regis*, and then tarrying in London. They stole his mules from the door, maltreated his men, and although Philip harangued them whilst the Abbot fled out of the back premises, they got on the trail again and pelted his wherry till it was out of range (51).

In 1225 Richard, Duke of Cornwall, with P. De Albeneio in his train, was sent by the King to counteract the work of Lewis VIII. and to maintain the allegiance of Poitou and Gascony; they set sail on Palm Sunday and arrived safely at Bordeaux (52). In August however the Bishop of Winchester writes to the King to say that *Dominus Philippus de Albini fidelis vester* had set sail on the feast of S. Sixtus from Portsmouth (53), and on the 16th he himself writes to the King from France saying that the treasure for the war had arrived safely (54). In 1226 he was in England again, and was sent with the Archbishop of York on a similar errand to Normandy and Anjou after the accession of S. Lewis (55). But on Dec. 18 of that same year he is a witness to Letters Patent at Westminster (56). Yet at Easter, 1227, he

(46). Hist. Major 313. (47). As above.
(48). Royal, etc., Letters 195. (49). Hist. Major 320.
(50). Rot. Pip 8 Hen. III. No. 68. (51). Annales Monastici iii. 78.
(52). Hist. Major 323. (53). Royal, etc., Letters 262.
(54). Ibid, 286. (55). Hist. Major 335.
(56). Royal, etc., Letters 302.

comes back from France with the Archbishop (57), and is that year Sheriff of Berks (58). At the end of the year he witnesses a charter which was given at Westmister (59). J. HAMLET.

(To be continued).

209. RICHARD DE COBYNDON, JOHN DE TWYNYHO.—On a brass in St. John Baptist's Church, Cirencester, is inscribed: Hic sepeliuntur Willms Prelatte Armiger specialissimus benefactor hujus capelle Agnes nuper uxor Johannis Martyn et Johanna filia et heres Ricardi de Cobyndon Relicta Johannis de Twynyho de Cayforde in comitatu Som. armigeri uxores ipsius Willi qui quidem Willms Prelatte obiit in vigilia ascensionis dominice xxvj° die Mai Anno dni m° cccc° lxij° quorum animabus propicietur Deus. Amen.

Where did Richard de Cobyndon live? And is the first husband of Agnes the founder of the chantry of St. Nicholas in Frome Church? Is he the same as John Twynyho of Cirencester whose will is at Somerset House, and whose daughter Dorothy was mother to Abp Morton of York? W. E. DANIEL.

210. ARMS OF DORCHESTER AND DORSET.—Under the above title Sir Robert Edgcumbe read a most interesting heraldic paper at the meeting of the *Dorset Field Club* held at Dorchester in November last.

With regard to the first portion of the paper—that relating to the Borough Arms—I think every one must agree with the author that it is a pity that a comparatively modern and inaccurate counterfeit of the arms should be used, whilst the material for the more ancient and correct one lies in the archives of the Corporation in the shape of the original confirmation of those arms by Clarencieux in 1565.

It seems strange that such an error has not been noticed before, considering that the late town-clerk, the late Mr. Giles Symonds, took a great interest in seals and was himself no mean heraldic authority. I take it to be because Mr. Moule, our excellent curator at the Museum, had not then completed his researches into the corporation records, and consequently that the municipal authorities were more or less in ignorance of the nature of all the treasures in their possession.

I trust that the publicity now given to this matter may lead to the publication of the contents of the borough archives.

Not the least interesting part of Sir Robert Edgcumbe's paper is the allusion to the adoption by the English monarch, Edward III, of the arms of France Ancient (*semé of fleurs-de-lis*,) and the subsequent alteration of those arms by the French sovereign, Charles V, to three lilies (France Modern), a change followed by our own Henry IV in 1406. But is Sir Robert

(57). Hist. Major 336.
(58). Dugdale. (59). Hist. MSS. Com. Ninth Report, 286b.

Edgcumbe quite correct in saying that it was in 1340 that Edward III first "made claim to the crown of France and adopted the lilies of France?"

It is true that on the fourth Great Seal of Edward III (1340) his arms first appear as, Quarterly, 1 & 4 France, 2 & 3 England. But the French *fleur-de-lis* was known to English royal armory before that, for we find that on the first Great Seal of Edward III (1327) a small *fleur-de-lis* is placed above each of the castles which had appeared on either side of the throne in the Great Seal of his father Edward II.

And will Sir Robert cite his authority for the statement that "Charles V of France, in order to avoid having exactly the same arms as the English kings had adopted, reduced the number of the *fleurs-de-lis* on his shield to three only," and that "Henry IV, in 1406, imitated the change introduced by Charles V.?"

It is true that by an edict dated 1376, Charles V reduced the number of *fleurs-de-lis* in his shield to three, but it was "*pour symboliser la Sainte Trinité.*"

And as to Henry IV having imitated this change, may he not equally have taken it from the above named Great Seal of Edward III (1340) where the shields upon the canopy of the obverse have but three *fleurs-de-lis*, though on the reverse the French quarter appears as *semé de fleurs-de-lis?*

The illustration of the Arms of Dorchester given in Hutchins (3rd edit., ii. 335) indicates that those arms may represent any time within what may be called the Stuart period (1603-1688) when first the arms of Scotland and Ireland were borne upon the English shield. But Sir Robert is not, I think, quite accurate in saying that they might even indicate an incorporation of the borough in the last century; though he is no doubt correct in asserting that Dorchester is now entitled to claim for its arms an antiquity dating from 1340-1405.

Your readers will remember that it was not till 1801 that the French quarter was removed from the arms of the Kings of England.

In passing from this point, I would refer Sir Robert Edgcumbe to the Rev. Dr. Woodward's excellent work, *Heraldry: English and Foreign*, recently published, and to the *Catalogue of Seals* in the British Museum, referred to therein: but he will understand the difficulty I am placed in here in consulting heraldic authorities.

But is Sir Robert Edgcumbe equally happy in the remarks contained in the second part of his paper with reference to the arms of the county?

It may be conceded that counties, as such, are not entitled to armorial bearings, and that the County Council of Dorset—which now by virtue of the Local Government Act, 1888, is to be

considered as a body corporate and entitled to a common seal—has no legal right to the present heraldic one it has adopted, because it has obtained no grant for it from the Heralds' College. Sir Robert Edgcumbe waxes merry and pokes fun at the committee originally appointed to consider this matter of a "common seal," and smites, not only the Borough of Dorchester, but the whole county, with the vigour and sarcasm of his heraldic criticisms. But is not Sir Robert as much to blame as any one else for this? More so, I think, if he, an original member of the Dorset County Council, was possessed of that heraldic knowledge then, and failed to utilize it. When after the passing of the 1888 Act, this adoption of a common seal was first mooted, I sounded a warning note in the pages of *S. & D. N. & Q.* (vol. i. part iv. p. 119) in the year 1888, as to the difficulties that lay in the way of choosing such a seal, and invited discussion as to what would be the most fitting emblems (not necessarily heraldic) to adopt. A committee was formed to consider the matter, and decided upon a seal, and, as far as I can remember, no discussion—or at all events no protest—followed upon their decision, and I assumed that everything was done in a regular manner.

In conclusion, I can only say that whilst thanking Sir Robert Edgcumbe for an excellent and most interesting paper (of a kind of which I only wish there were more read before our Society), I think it is a great pity that, if he was aware of the illegality of the adoption at the time, as he suggests, he did not bring the matter before his fellow-councillors, rather than allow some seven years to elapse before moving. I cannot, for one, accept the explanation given at the conclusion of his paper for so doing as sufficient. I feel very much of the same opinion as that expressed by the *Dorset County Chronicle* at the time the paper was read, that "it would have been better if Sir Robert Edgcumbe had given the County Council the benefit of his heraldic lore when that authority was engaged in the task of choosing its seal. It is scarcely generous to those gentlemen who took no small pains in the matter to excite cheap ridicule years after the adoption of the arms. The arms may not be worthy of much admiration for their æsthetic merits, but if they are incorrect Sir Robert Edgcumbe might have found an opportunity long ere this of calling the attention of the Council to the matter."

However, the question has now been raised,—a most interesting paper has been read before the *Dorset Field Club*, and, for the rest, I do not imagine that either the Borough of Dorchester or the County Council will require any championing at my hands.

J. S. UDAL, Fiji.

[We are assured, by information received from the College of Arms, that Counties, not being Bodies Corporate, have no Arms.

THE EDITORS.]

211. MANORS OF EAST WOODLANDS AND FROME VALLIS, SOMERSET.—The following is a copy of an undated and unsigned paper, in handwriting of 17th century. The paper is foolscap and has watermarks on one leaf C R beneath a shield, on the other a helmeted figure with sceptre sits within a palisade; in front a lion crowned rampant regardant, legend Pro Patria.

Sr—I have considered of the case between yourself and Leversedge and upon perusal of all the papers doe find it to stand thus:

That the wife of Edmund Leversedge Esq. and three of his servants in 3° Jac: Reg: [*above* q. A.D. 1606] were indited and convicted of Felony and then Sr Thos Vavasor who was Knight Marshall at the suite of the said Edmund by his Industry obtained his Majesties Pardon for the said Leversedge his wife and defrayed all the charges besides other sums of money by him disbursed as well in that behalf as otherwise:

In consideration thereof the said Edmund by Indenture dated 10th May 3 Jac: Re: and by Fine and other Conveyances did convey to Sr Thos Vavasor and his Heirs the Manors of East Woodlands and all his Lands in East Woodlands and West Woodlands [blank] Clincke Marston Bigott and in the Forest of Selwood to the use of the said Edmund for his Life, remainder to Robt Leversedge for his Life, Remainder to Sr. Thomas Vavasor and his heirs as also the Manor of Frome Vallis to the Use of the s^d^ Edmund for his Life, remainder to the said Robt. for his Life, remainder to the Heirs Males of the Body of the said Robert and for default of such Issue Male the Remainder to Sr Thomas Vavasor and his Heirs with Promise for the sum of £2000 to be paid by Sr Thomas Vavasor to the s^d^ Edmund for preferment of the Heirs Females of the said Robt. if Robt. should dye without Heirs Males of his Body.

In Trin. Term 3° Jac: the said Edmund did levy a Fine according to the Uses in the said Indenture.

By another Indenture between them dat. 18th Nov. 4° Jac. Re: it was declared that the intent of the said Fine and of the Parties to the same was to be to the uses of the Deed of 10th May 3° Jac: before mentioned and to no other uses whatsoever:

That Edmund and Robert Leversedge afterwards by another Indenture dat. 20th Nov. 4° Jac: Re: reciting the former Deed in consideration of £650 did grant and surrender to Sr Thos Vavasor the Coppices in the Forest by the name of Sandhill Coppice, Irelake Coppice, Blackhole Coppice, Fair Broad Oak Coppice, Bremble Coppice, and also the Manor of East Woodlands and all other their lands in East Woodlands, West Woodlands Clincke, Marston Biggot and the Forest aforesaid together with all evidences and Writings concerning the same unto the said Sr Thos Vavasor and his Heirs for ever with Covenant to make further Assurance and a Proviso that the said Edmund and

Robt. Leversedge should during their Lives receive from Sr Thos Vavasor and his Heirs the Rents and Profitts of the Premises, and that Sr Thomas Vavasor and his Heirs should upon Request Seal such Leases as the said Edmund and Robert should contract for.

Sr Tho: Vavasor by his Indenture dat. 24th May 8 Jac: Re: in consideration of £2450 did bargain and sell the said Manor and all other the Premises to Sr Tho. Thynne and his Heirs who accordingly became seised and hath so continued ever since.

In Easter Term 1610 the said Edmund and Robt. Leversedge exibited [sic] their Bill in Chancery against Sr Thos Vavasor and Sr Thos Thynne to be releived concerning the said Manor and Lands upon a Pretence that the conveyances aforesaid made to Sr Thos Vavasor were but in Trust for Leversedge and not for any benefit of the said Vavasor.

Sr Thos Vavasor and Sr Thos Thynne the same time exibited their Cross Bill against the said Edmund and Robert Leversedge to have their Estates confirmed and all the Evidences and Writings delivered up.

28th Janry 12th Jac: Re: upon hearing of both the Causes in that Court It was decreed that Sr Thos Vavasor and Sr Thos Thynne should be dismissed from Leversedges Bill and that Edmund and Robt Leversedge should bring into Court upon their oaths all counterparts of Leases Court Rolls Evidences and Writings concerning the said Manor and Premisses purchased by Sr Thos Thynne and also deliver to Sr Thomas Thynne a Rent Roll of the Lands whereby he might receive the Rents and pay the same to Leversedge And that from thenceforth the quiet Possession of the said Manor and Premises should be and continue in Sr Thos. Thynne and his Heirs And concerning the Manor and Hundred of Frome Vallis and sum of £2000 that the said Edmund and Robert and their Heirs should hold the same discharged against Sr Thos Vavasor and his Heirs and the said Vavasor likewise discharged from the said £2000.

The Court then likewise declaring that the Deeds aforesaid were made *bona fide* to such Uses as aforesaid and to no other use or Purpose and did therefore relieve the said Thos Vavasor of the said pretended Trust and all Imputations cast upon him in respect thereof and as touching Sr Thos Thynne it appeared that he was a Purchaser for a great and Valuable consideration and not privy to any Trust and so no cause of suite against him.

The said Edmund and Robert Leversedge are now both deceased and there being nothing else reserved to them upon the Deeds aforesaid but the Rents and Profitts of the Manor of East Woodlands, West Woodlands &c. for the Terms of their Lives only, the Payment thereof is now absolutely determined.

And therefore my opinion is That as to the Manor of East Woodlands and all other the Lands formerly of the said Lever-

sedges East Woodlands, West Woodlands, [*blank*] Clincke, Marston Biggot and Forest of Selwood that you have now a clear and Entire Estate therein to you and your heirs And do therefore advise that you forthwith cause a Court of Survey to be called and command the Tenants to bring in their Leases or Copies, to the end you may have Conterparts or Copies of them, And demand of them to atturn Tenants to you and to pay their Rents to you, and forbid them to pay to any other.

In case they refuse to bring in and produce their Leases I have advised your Solicitor what course to take against them for recovering your Right unto the said Manor and Lands. But I presume they will rather put themselves under your Protection (if they be wise) who have an undoubted good Title than to Mr. Leversedge that hath none at all but Imaginary.

Sr I hope you will excuse the length hereof it being your own concerment [*sic*] and admitt me to be,

Sr your &c.

In pencil Mr. Singer has noted "The above accounts for the fact that during the 17th century and long in the 18th none of the Leversedge Family although Lords of the Manor of Frome were ever Magistrates of the Peace. The blank between Woodlands and Clink in the list of estates would naturally be filled by Wall-marsh; for some unexplained reason this is omitted. J.W.S."

W. E. DANIEL.

212. DORSET MUSTERS, TEMPORE HEN. VIII.—Among the 'Miscellaneous Books of the Exchequer' in the Public Record Office are three volumes, Nos. 17, 29, and 51, of Dorset Musters, which tell us something about the predecessors of the Dorset Militia as they were three and a half centuries ago. The muster sheets show boroughs, liberties, hundreds and tithings, and under each borough, liberty or tithing were written the Christian name and surname of each man, who possessed arms or was capable of bearing them, together with the equipment which he ought to produce, and "able" men were carefully distinguished from those who, from age, nationality, or some other cause, were considered inefficient. Commissioners to take the musters were appointed by the King for various divisions of the county and there are therefore separate reports for each of these divisions.

Commencing with Volume No. 29, which contains sheets of a slightly earlier date than the others, we find that the first musters in the volume were taken at Bridport on the 10th April, 30 Henry VIII. (1539) and on the following day at Beaminster, the commissioners being Sir Giles Strangways, Henry Strangways, Esquire, (killed a few years later at the siege of Boulogne), and Roger Stourton, Esquire. The district comprised the boroughs of Lyme Regis and Bridport, and the hundreds of Whitchurch,

Gotherthorne Bemyster, Halestoke, Redehoue, and Tollerford, in fact nearly all the western part of Dorsetshire. More than 1100 men were present, of whom some 700 were able men-at-arms. Their weapons were almost exclusively bows and bills, of which there was an ample supply for all the effective men, the only other offensive arms mentioned being one or two swords. In defensive equipment the force was very deficient. The harnesses sufficed for only 155 men, and less than a dozen seem to have been provided with the small head-pieces called sallets. A few wore greaves, or the protection for throat and neck known as gorgets. The greater number of the archers and billmen were no doubt drawn from the yeoman, husbandmen, tradesmen and apprentices of the district, but not entirely so, for among them are found the names of Elys Wadham of Catherston, John Crukern, gent., of Broadwinsor, Thomas Sydenham of Winford Eagle, and Elys Kymer of Chelborough, all able archers, and of Robert Bettyscombe of Bridport who was an able billman. The contributions from some of the gentlemen are worth noting. John Wadham esquire of Catherston had "vi harnysis furnysshed that ys to saye for iiii archers and for twoe Bylmen wt. their bowes arrowes." Robert Larder of Loders had three harnesses for himself, an archer, and a billman. John Pom'ey, gent., of Bowood possessed a harness, a bow with arrows, and a bill. Sir Giles Strangways of Melbury Sampford had in his household ten archers and ten billmen for whom he provided "xx pere of harnys." Also under Melbury Sampford it is seen that Henry Strangways and Roger Sturton esquires each provided a similar equipment for two archers and two billmen, but it is curious to observe that there was "no artilary" for any of the archers who were in the service of these three of the Kings Commissioners. The mention of John Battyn as mayor of Lyme Regis gives us an addition to Hutchins' list of the mayors of that borough. It is difficult to make a satisfactory selection from the great mass of names in these musters, but, in that now being dealt with, I have noted the following surnames mostly from the fact that they seem to be of more frequent occurrence than others. Bovett occurred at Stockland; Guphey and Webber at Charmouth; Lock at Wild; Orchard at and near Chideock; Sampson at Wotton Abbot; Howncell at Symondsbnry; Hoskins (nine in number) at Beaminster; Hallett at Melplash; Pyllard at Frome St. Quinton; Dawe and Limbery at Chelborough; Coxden at Chardstock; Stodeley at Broadwinsor; Gollopp at Abbotstoke. At Bridport were fifteen Frenchmen and seven "Douchemen" and there were also a few Frenchmen in the villages near Bridport, and at and near Maiden Newton. Some of the French were called by such names as Curteys, Canyngton, Pynnar, Helyar, Smyth, Dogwell, Aleyn, and Maby, and among the names of the "Douchemen" were Douche, Johnson, Arnold, and

Gerrard. None of the foreigners, though all possessed arms, was classed as "able."

The second muster in volume 29 relates to the hundreds of Sherborne, Yetminster, Brounshull, Newton Buckland, Redlane, the borough of Shaston, and Gillingham. A certificate of the muster was given on the 15 May, 30 Henry VIII. by Sir John Horsey and a colleague whose name has disappeared together with a portion of the sheet on which it was written. There is reason to suppose that the first sheet of the body of this report has been lost. A large number of the men here appear to have been without arms. There are a few poleaxes on the list, in addition to the usual bows and bills, and the number of arrows, which was not given in the preceding muster, varied in each case from four to twelve. William Thornhull of Thornhull produced harness for two men; Robert Coker of Mapoder, three "pere of harnys;" William Willoughby of Sylton, Esquire, five "pere of harnys"; and Henry Dyrdo of Gillingham had harness for two men. The surnames which I noted in addition to these, were Snoke at Lidlinch, Stalbridge, &c.; Dyer at and near Sherborne; Brytte at Downe (Caundle Marsh); Mewe at Purse Candle); Pope at and near Sherborne and at Fifehead Magdalen; Newman at Lillington, Marnhull, and Fifehead Magdalen; Master at Lillington; Stone at Todbere; Rabbet at Stalbridge; Watts at Knowlle; Cave and Casse at Gillingham. This division of the county had (according to my arithmetic) 1331 men on its lists, of which number 958 were able archers or able billmen.

We pass on now to a "vew of the Mowster" of the hundreds of Pudeltowne, Conkysdyche, Bere Regis, and Hundreddsbarowe, of the liberty of Pudelhenton, and the manor of Develyshe, taken in 34 Henry VIII, by George Delalynd, and Edward Stowreton, Esquires. It is stated to be "a declaration of the namis of all man' of psons hauing horse harnise or weapons meatt for the warres." It will be observed that this muster is dated four years later than the musters taken by Sir Giles Strangways and Sir John Horsey, and these four years seem to have brought with them some changes in equipment. Archers were now mounted on horseback and carried, in addition to their bows and arrows, swords and daggers. Robert Martyn, Esquire, of Athelhampton "hath horse and harnise for iiii. archers wt. bowne arr swerde and daggars for them." Elsabethe Gerarde "gent. wydow" of Fyve Ash equipped one such archer; George Strangweys gent. of Turbersfeldystowne (Muston), one such archer and a billman; John Holme of Bloxworth, one such archer; Henry Turberfeld gent. of [Winterborne] Whitchurch, one such archer and a billman; George Delalynd, Esquire, of Clenston, six such archers; George Turberffeld, gent. of Bere, two such archers and a billman; Thomas Morton, Esquire, of Mylberne, five such archers; "Mastereece Wylloughby, wydow"

of Turnerspuddle, one such archer; and Thomas Baskett of Develyshe, Esquire, four such archers, and two billmen. Henry Chetthull, gent. of Blandford St Mary had horse and harness for a man and George Frome of Bere Regis was an able archer. The more common names were, Genge near Puddletown; Jacobe at Tolpuddle; Caylewey at Milborne [St. Andrew]; Wheler at Bloxworth: Squibbe at [Winterborne] Whitchurch; and Besaunt at Shitterton. This is a small muster containing but 407 names, against 118 of which are placed the letters 'a' or 'b' signifying able archer and able billman.

The last muster in volume 29 is one taken by William Thornhill and John Dackecomb, Esquires, in the 34th year of Henry VIII, but as the district (the neighbourhood of Shaftesbury), to which it refers, was included in Sir John Horsey's report previously noticed, I took no notes from it.

Volume 51 is devoted entirely to a numerous muster of the men from the boroughs of Dorchester, Melcombe, and Weymouth, the liberties of Ellwell and Wyke, Frampton, and Portland, the manor of Fordington, and the hundreds of George, Cullifordtree, Uggescombe, and Winfrith. Sir Thomas Trenchard, and John Willym̃s, Esquire, were the conmissioners for this district, and reviewed the men at Dorchester on the 28th and 29th of September, 34 Henry VIII. There is little, if any, mention here of swords or daggers and the old fashioned harness with bow or bill was still the standard equipment. One or two instances however occur of the armour called "almayne rivetts," which was I believe composed of a series of overlapping plates. Two men at Portland wore respectively "a doublett of defence" and "a payre of bryggenders." Perhaps some reader of this can give a description of these articles. Of the 1819 men who assembled at Dorchester, only 524 were "able," an unusually small proportion due possibly to more careful selection. For twenty-nine men in the household of Sir Thomas Trenchard of Wolveton, the knight possessed the obviously insufficient equipment of "xxti. payre of Almayne Rivetts and x sheffs of arrowes," and John Willyms, Esquire, of Herringston, had for his twenty men but twelve sets of harness, four bows with arrows and four bills. On the other hand Nicholas Chyu'ell, gent. of Owermoigne had for his three servants no less than eight sets of harness, five bows with arrows and four bills. John Browne of Frampton provided a full equipment for five foot soldiers. John Buckler of Radipole, Robert Beriett of Crypton (in Came), William Hebbs of Corton, and Edward Martyn of Owermoigne, each supplied one or two horses, and harness and arms for two men. John Frampton, gent., of Upway, Richard Lawrence of Steepleton, Henry Samways of Shilvington, John Fawken' of Lytton, Hewyshe Peson of Abbotsbury, William Fyloll, Richard Harveste, and Thomas Samways of Weymouth, and John Warehm̃ of Compton

[Valence], were each able to equip one mounted man. John Churchill of St. Peter's, Dorchester, and Walter Geye, gent. of Swyer, had harness and bows for one and two men respectively. Also at Swyer occur the names of John and James Napper, who together brought to the muster only two bows, some arrows, and a bill. Other names noted were Devynysshe at Charminster: Churchill at Bradford Peverell; Hall at Steepleton; Betyscombe at Winterborne Wast (Monkton); Samways at Broadway; Jesope at Chickerell and Chilcombe; Weyzche and Symond or Symonte at Whitcombe; Curtys and Harvey at Roddon; Martyn and Hurdyn at Littlebredy; Pytman at Lytton; Rockett, Pynnye, and Sprake at "Fylle" (in Hawkchurch); Cobb and Crome at Winfrith; Stratford, and Adyn in St. Peter's Dorchester; Attwoll, Byett, Wyckett, Benfylde or Bonfold, and Lano at Portland; Belman at Fordington; Howlett and Flamberd at Hermitage; Bartelett or Bertelett at Lytton and Frampton; and Watts at Frampton.

The first page of volume 17 tells us that on the same days when the muster, just referred to, was being held at Dorchester, men from other parts of the county were being assembled under the orders of John Poulet and John Wadham, Esquires. The place of assembly is not stated, but the men came from those western parts of the county included in the first muster in volume 29, with the addition of the hundred of Eggerdon. There is therefore little in the report, which would not be repetition. Several members of families named Whytell, Hardy, and Adam are entered under Winterborne Abbas, and several named Darby and Hardy at Askerswell. At Mosterton and South Perrott, respectively were families named Justye (a name since corrupted into Jesty), and Lane, and at Wambrook one named Clop.

Next follows a small muster of the hundreds of Modborough, Tollerford, Whiteway, and Totcombe, taken by Sir Giles Strangways and Henry Strangways, Esquire. It is undated but contains positive evidence of having been drawn up about the year 1540, and most probably in 1543. The more important names are those of Robert Bynghm̃, Esquire, of Melcombe, who furnished three horses and three harnesses "for himself and two men," and of Cristofer Cheverell, Esq., of East Stoke, whose contribution consisted of a horse, a harness, a bow and arrows, with sword and dagger. Thomas Keyell, Robert Welstyd, and Nicholas Stowyth all of Milton Abbas, John Keyt of Long Chesilborne, and William Stampfforde of Cerne each provided an equipment similar to that of Cristofer Cheverell, while Robert and Edmund Hardye of Sidling had each the same *minus* the horse. William Keyt of Long Chesilborne was an able archer, and among other names may be mentioned More at Stoke Wake, Arnold at Long Chesilborne and Waryn and Harbin at Piddletrenthide.

The third muster in volume 17, and the last of the series contains "the names and surnames of all the able men within" the hundreds of Upwimborne, Knowlton, Sixpenny Hanley, Badbury, Wimborne St. Giles, Cranborne and Cogdean, and the town of Poole, "as also all such harnes Bowis arows Bills and other Weapons and abilyments mete to do the King s'uice in warr," taken before Sir Edward Wyllughby, Sir William Uvedale, and Henry Asheley, Esquire. The muster is not dated, but the mention therein of John Man as mayor of Poole, and a reference to Hutchins' History to discover the year of his mayoralty, fixes the date as 1539. Out of the 1665 men who assembled in the district, 1188 were counted as efficient, but many were without both arms and armour. It is rare to find on any of these musters a man possessed of a complete suit of armour but there is one instance here. This was Henry Dashwood of Tarrant Monkton, an able archer, who had "a pere of Alman ryvetts with splints, salet, and goriett." A Boveridge man was the owner of a "forest bill," a weapon which I do not think occurs elsewhere. The household of Sir Edward Willoughby of Woodlands consisted of twelve archers and six billmen for whom there were twelve sets of harness. Sir William Uvedall of Little Crichell had in his household ten able men with ten "pere of almenryvetts and xxti pere of almenrevetts more than he hayth men for." Three men, each provided with "Almenryvetts" were in the service of Henry Assheley, Esquire, of Wimborne St. Giles, who was himself "a abyll man." John and William Styll of Fontmell, were able archers and *Drevys Fry of Gunville was an able billman. At Litchet minster were no less than nine men named Heminge, no doubt members of the family who rather later called themselves Henning. The names besides Heminge most frequently met with on this muster were Tynker at Chettle; Sparke at Upwimborne; Baker at Gussage All Saints; Hascall at Fontmell and Melbury Abbas; Ploughman at Fontmell; Rydeoute and Mouton at Hargrove; Combe at West Orchard; Semer at East Orchard; Levett, and Scovell, at Ewerne Minster; Pety at Melbury Abbas; Were and Nypred at Hanley; Welsted, Tommes and Pytt at Hinton Martell; Goby, Coxe, Roll, Pope, Russell, and Frampton, in and near Wimborne; Baron at Little Hinton; Havylond and Grene at Poole; Fry near Wimborne and Cranborne; Frype at Holwell (in Cranborne); Lannyng at Wimborne All Saints; Kyng at Hampreston; Brechell at Gunville; Corbyn at West Parley and in the tithings of the parish of Canford; Tollerfeld and Harris at Fifehead Neville; Kyrley at Ashmore; Barom', Bugbye, Peters, Lockeyer, Budden, Barow, Byrte, Warlond, and Hykeman, in the tithings which lay in Canford.

Dorset is particularly fortunate in having such complete muster rolls of this early date. Judging from the list of such musters given in Mr. Scargill Bird's 'Handbook to the Public

* Perhaps the name usually spelt 'Druce.'

Records,' few, if any, other counties are so favoured. But one cannot help regretting that the rolls for Dorset are not absolutely perfect. The portions of the county of which we possess no musters for Henry VIII's reign are the boroughs of Blandford, Wareham, and Corfe Castle, the Liberty of Bindon, and the hundreds of Loosebarrow, Pimperne, Rowbarrow, Haselor, and Rushmore, and a few other places such as Sturminster Marshall, Clifton Maubank, and Ryme. The total number of names on the lists I examined (excluding duplicate returns) was 6,889 or thereabouts, and the able men among these numbered, if my counting was correct, 3,777. Complete returns for the whole county would probably have shown over 8,000 names and there is no doubt that Dorsetshire under Henry VIII. could produce a little army for the King's service of nearly 4,500 fighting men.

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213. DORSET ADMINISTRATIONS.—*Continued.*—(II. ix. 10, x.49, xi. 78, xii.113, xiii. 150, xiv. 178, xv. 217, xvi. 242, III. xvii. 8, xviii. 57, xix. 94, xx. 151, xxi. 183, xxii. 233, xxiii. 279, xxiv. 323, IV. xxv. 11, xxvi. 38, xxvii. 77, xxviii. 123, xxix. 173, xxx. 209, xxxi. 251, xxxii. 298, V. xxxiii. 11, xxxiv. 46, xxxv. 87, xxxvi. 127, xxxvii. 168).

1680.

Folio.	Name of Deceased.	Parish.	Grantee and Relationship to deceased.	Date of Administration.
	Abbott al's Lawrence	see Lawrence		
122	Burbidge, Richard	Blandford Forum	Mary, wife of John Eyre, cler., daughter	30 July, 1680
162	Cheeke, Amery, junr.	Steeple Purbeck	John, father	12 Nov., 1680
9	Dare, William, bach.	Lyme Regis, died in the "Lark" frigate	Prudence, mother	21 Jan., 1680
119	Fry, George	Broadwinsor	Alice, relict	10 July, 1680
142	Gundry, William	Benvill in Corscombe	Jane, relict	16 Sep., 1680
164	Jones, Edward	Dorchester	Priscilla, relict (further grant May, 1705)	19 Nov., 1680
119	Lawrence al's Abbott, Frances	Winterbourne Stipelton	Richard Lawrence, husband	2 July, 1680
131	Mansell, William	Weymouth, died in the "New Oxford" frigate	Joyce, relict (further grant Dec., 1681)	25 Aug., 1680
179	Melmoth, Peter	Sanwich Purbeck	Susanna, relict (further grant Feb., 1681)	14 Dec., 1680
10	Norrie, Jane	Axe in Broadwinsor	Richard Norrie, brother	3 Jan., 1680
33	Randall, George	Cerne Abbas	Judith Randall, sister	9 Feb., 1680

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165	Raven, Catherine	Wimborne Minster	Milo, husband	23 Nov., 1680
94	Swayne, Thomas	Pimperne	Joseph Hussey, principal creditor; Elizabeth, mother, renouncing	9 May, 1680
120	Young, Alice, wid.	Dalwood	Alice, wife of Sebastian Isaack, Elizabeth, wife of William Langford, and Jane Young, children	15 July, 1680
			1681.	
107	Barber, George	Wootton Phitzpaine	Elizabeth, sister	4 Aug., 1681
118	Barber, George	Wootton Phitzpaine	Elizabeth Barber, daughter; Florence, relict, having died without administering (former grant Feb.. 1677)	30 Sep., 1681
164	Carent, Edmund	Gillingham	Mary, relict (further grant Oct., 1686)	3 Dec., 1681
71	Chaffey, Checkford, widr	Warham	Eleanor Chaffey, sister	2 June, 1681
67	Chard, Richard	Chardstock	John Tanner, principal creditor; Mary, relict, renouncing	7 May, 1681
107	Curtis, Edith	Sutton Pointz	Alice Rossiter al's Wiltshire, wife of Edmund Rossiter, sister, mother's side	15 Aug., 1681
149	Eastmont, Elizabeth, spr.	Sherborne	Dorothy, widow, mother	3 Nov., 1681
131	Edwards, Henry	Warham, died on ship "Centurion"	Edith, relict	30 Sep., 1681
150	Fountaine, William, bach.	Lyme Regis died at Saltash, Cornwall	John Fountaine and Mary, wife of Richard Perriam, brother and sister	10 Nov., 1681
131	Garrard, John, bach.	Wareham, died on ship "Centurion"	Phyllis, widow, mother	30 Sep., 1681
7	Good, John	Notton, Maiden Newton	Susanna, relict	25 Jan., 1681
164	Harner al's Turner, Nathaniel	Stockland	Joane, relict	20 Dec., 1681
131	Hescocke, Henry	Wareham, died on ship "Centurion"	Thomasine, relict	30 Sep., 1681
71	Hollway, Hussey	Broad Sydling	Honor, widow, mother	10 June, 1681
41	Hussey, Robert, ar.	Dewlish	Thomas Knoyle, great nephew, sister's side, and next of kin; William Knoyle, nephew, having died without fully administering (former grant Jan., 16[illegible]1)	8 Mar. 1681

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71	Jones, Richard	Corfe Castle	Mary, relict	2 June, 1681
150	King, Thomas, bach.	Bourton	Gertrude, wife of Matthew Browne, sister	15 Nov., 1681
160	Mansell, Wiliam	Melcombe Regis, died on ship "New Oxford"	Hannah Street, widow, daughter; Joyce, relict, having died without fully administering (former grant Aug., 1680)	12 Dec., 1681
23	Melmoth, Peter, senr.	Sanwich Purbeck	Ludovie Cockram, guardian of Elizabeth and Peter, children of deceased; Susanna, relict, having died without administering (former grant Dec., 1680)	8 Feb., 1681
42	Newberry, Joan, widow	Stockland	Martha Wyatt, spr., sister	4 Mar., 1681
24	Rowe, Thomas	Wimborne Minster	Sarah, relict	10 Feb., 1681
72	Symonds, John, bach.	Egglestone	John, father	27 June, 1681
72	Trenchard, Ann, widow	Woolverton died at Hereford	Andrew Loder, principal creditor; Mary and Thomas children of deceased, having been cited through their guardian, but failed to appear	23 May, 1681
	Turner al's Harner	see Harner		
129	Waterman, John	Wareham, died on ship "The Centurion"	Jane Adams, sister	30 Sep., 1681
151	Weare, Ann	Shaston	Joseph, brother	3 Nov., 1681
		1682.		
179	Bagg, William, senior	Melcombe Regis	Judith, relict	12 Dec., 1682
162	Barnes, Thomas, bach.	Gillingham	Jerome, father	29 Nov., 1682
99	Beere, Isaac	Burton, died on ship "Assistance"	John, father	26 July, 1682
99	Beere, James, bach.	Burton, died on ship "Assistance"	John, father	26 July, 1682
69	Benfield, Robert, widr.	Portland	Agnes, wife of Abel Pearce, daughter	2 May, 1682
163	Combe, Andrew	Canford Magna	Mary, relict	25 Nov., 1682
98	Cooke, Thomas	Abbotts Wotton Whitechurch	William, brother	8 July, 1682
42	Dober, Christiana, spr.	Holnest	Elizabeth Benford, sister	24 Mar., 1682
145	Fill, John	Spetsbury	Mary, relict	21 Oct., 1682
26	Gosling, Ralph	Blandford Forum	Elizabeth Lawrence, grandmother and guardian of Sarah and Charles, children of deceased	14 Feb., 1682

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145	Gould, spr.	Barbara,	Upway	John, brother	12 Oct., 1682
111	Greene, gent.	Richard,	Dunkeard Lodge, Monmouthe	Thomas, son	29 Nov., 1682
20	Hastings, spr.	Anna,	Ilsington late of Bridport	Robert Squibb, guardian of Francis Hastings brother	14 Feb., 1682
145	Hobbier,	Dorothy	Weymouth, died in the parish of St. Bartholomew, London	Richard, husband	4 Oct., 1682
171	Keate, wdr	Thomas,	Leigh	Susan, wife of Robert Banbury, aunt, mother's side, and guardian of Samuel, son of deceased	22 Dec., 1682
53	Pitmer,	Alice	Bridport	Hannah, wife of Walter Jones, daughter	7 Apl., 1682
12	Ratford,	Thomas	Dewish	Elizabeth, wife of Wadham Strangeways, and Rachael Ratford, sisters (further grants Oct., 1683, and March, 1685)	17 Jan., 1682
84	Reeves,	Francis	Blandford Forum	Jane, relict	22 June, 1682
26	Ridout,	Anne	Blandford Forum	Robert and Christopher Ridout, uncles and guardians of Walter and Elizabeth, children of deceased	11 Feb., 1682
90	Rockett, spr.	Sarah,	Havock Church (Hawkchurch	John, brother	4 July, 1682
13	Rose, bach.	Richard,	Corfe Castle, died in "Hampshire" frigate	Thomas Broomfield, attorney of John Rose, father	27 Jan., 1682
27	Sheeres, sailor	Thomas,	Weymouth, died in River Thames	Thomasine, relict	3 Feb., 1682
43	Tregonwell,	John	Anderson, died in parish of St. Andrew Undershaft, London	Mary, relict	10 Mar., 1682
14	Welsteed, bach.	William,	Corfe Castle died on "Hampshire" frigate	Thomas Broomfield, attorney of Margaret, mother	27 Jan., 1682
			1683.		
60	Alford,	Thomas	Swanwich	Mary, relict	12 Apl., 1683
129	Bingham, spr.	Frances,	Dorchester	Penelope, wife of John Michell, ar., sister	25 Sep., 1683
154	Bower,	Henry, ar.	Iwerne Minster	Thomas, son; Catherine, relict, renouncing	10 Nov., 1683
60	Chipp,	Abel	Weymouth, died near Leghorn in ship "Antelope"	Abel, son	24 Apl., 1683

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129	Collins, Onesimus, bach.	Fordington	William Collins and Anna wife of James Hackam, brother and sister	5 Sep., 1683
	Cooke al's Oliver	see Oliver		
21	Cooper, Josiah	Wimborne Minster	Alice, relict	7 Feb., 1683
49	Crosse, William	Blandford, died in Maryland	Richard Draper, principal creditor	2 Mar., 1683
74	Fisher al's Redman, Frances	Poole	Roger Fisher, husband	14 May, 1683
74	Gieare, James	Weymouth, died in parish of St. Andrew's Holborn, Midd.	Mary, relict	3 May, 1683
74	Gould, Ivory, bach.	Upway	John, ar., brother	14 May, 1683
155	Gould, Thomas	Blandford	John Beresford, principal creditor; Elizabeth, relict, renouncing	28 Nov., 1683
155	Grymsted, Henry, widr.	Yetminster	John, son	16 Nov., 1683
155	Hartwell, Edward, bach.	West Orchard	Richard, brother	4 Nov., 1683
22	Moore, Robert	Lyme Regis	Joane, relict	6 Teb., 1683
129	Oke, Hannibal	Sherborne	Juliana, relict	7 Sep., 1683
141	Oliver al's Cooke. Judith	Stalbridge	William Oliver, husband	4 Oct., 1683
75	Pelham, Robert, ar.	Compton Vallence	Mary and Elizabeth Pelham, daughters; Mary, relict, renouncing	7 May, 1683
141	Radford, Thomas, bach.	Dewlish	Grace, wife of Thomas Grundy, ar., sister; Elizabeth, wife of Wadham Strangewaies, ar., and Rachael Radford, sisters, not having fully administered (former grant Jan., 1682; further grant Mar., 1685)	24 Oct., 1683
	Radford al's see Strangeways	Strangeways		
	Redman al's Fisher	see Fisher		
141	Rogers, Thomas	Sherborne, died at Winchester	Lucy Brooks, widow, aunt. father's side, and guardian of Susan, daughter of deceased	27 Oct., 1683
92	Salisbury, Mary, widow	Stratton	Joane, daughter	11 June, 1683
61	Serrell, Henry	Sanwich Purbeck	Mary, relict	12 Apl., 1683
92	Smith, Robert	Hawkechurch	Robert, son	15 June, 1683
75	Solme, Anne	Gillingham	Margaret, widow, mother	4 May, 1683
142	Strangeways al's Radford, Elizabeth	Stinsford	Wadham Strangeways, ar. husband (further grant, July, 1685)	2 Oct., 1683

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52	Strangewayes, Susanna, wid.	Melbury Sampford	Thomas, son	9 Mar., 1683
6	Swayne, Thomas	Hinton Martyn	Elizabeth, wife of Nicholas Hookes, daughter	17 Jan., 1683
156	Woodward, Thomas	Sherborne	Catherine, relict	12 Nov., 1683
		1684.		
54	Andrews, William	Lyme Regis died in ship "The Concord"	Christopher, brother	24 Apl., 1684
4	Beare, Richard	Cheddington	Elizabeth, wife of Henry Cullyford	12 Jan., 1684
	Carrier al's Haskens	see Haskens		
	Cole al's Gould	see Gould		
93	Dashwood, Thomas	Sturminster Newton, co. Somerset (*sic*)	Mary, relict	2 June, 1684
	Dawes al's Edwards	see Edwards		
124	Edwards al's Dawes, Anna	Lyme Regis	Edward Edwards, husband, (further grant March, 1701)	11 Aug., 1684
43	Gould al's Cole, Judith	Milborne St. Andrew, died at Upway	John Gould, ar., husband	1 Mar., 1684
43	Haskens al's Carrier, Edith	Lyme Regis	John Haskens, husband	25 Mar., 1684
185	Hiley, John	Poole	Peter, brother	3 Dec., 1684
155	Hill, John, widr	Bishops Caundle	John Hill, nephew, brother's side	31 Oct., 1684
168	Plowman, Hercules	Sturmister Newton	Elizabeth, relict	27 Nov., 1684
55	Reekes, James	Wimborne Minster	Hannah, relict	30 Apl., 1684
	Romayne al's Young	see Young		
94	White Robert, bach.	West Stafford	Richard, brother	18 June, 1684
169	Young al's Romayne, Ruth	Sturminster Newton	Thomas Young, husband	26 Nov., 1684

(*To be continued.*) GEO. S. FRY.

214. QUAKERS IN DORSET AND SOMERSET. (V. xxxvii. 197.)

1699. Abraham Lydall of Wivelscombe was prosecuted in the Exchequer for a Demand of about 20/- for Tithes at the Suit of William Prichard, Parson.

John Banks of Long Sutton was prosecuted in the Court of the Hundred of Glastonbury for a Church-Rate (so called.) [The demand was 9/4 for which he had taken from him a Gelding and Saddle worth £10, but sold by those who made the Distress for £4. 10/-.]

1700. Mary Gundry was prosecuted in the Exchequer for Tithes, at the Suit of Henry Lambert, Parson of Mudford.

William Tilly and his Wife were prosecuted in the Exchequer

for Tithes at the Suit of Henry Lambert aforesaid Parson. [25/- for 8 years Tithes: and were both imprisoned.]

James Clothier of Street was prosecuted at Common Law for Tithes, at the Suit of Timothy Redman Parson of Street and Walton. [Upon a judgment of £62. 10/- for Treble Damages, had Goods taken on an Execution, by Richard Trow and two other Bayliffs, on the 19th of December 1701, being the very Day appointed by the Government for a General Fast, as followeth, viz.,

	£	s.	d.
Four Fat Oxen worth	23	0	0
Four Plough Oxen worth ..	22	0	0
Two Cows worth	8	0	0
Two Yearlings worth	2	0	0
	£55	0	0

And on the 10th of September 1702, he had taken from him on a Demand for arrears upon the said Execution, 5 Cows and 80 Sheep, valued by the neighbours at £36. So that for an Original Demand of about £18 for Tithes, they took to the Value of £91.]

Gabriell Ballett was prosecuted in the Exchequer for Easter-Offerings, at the Suit of Richard Downton Parson of Wenmore. [Tho' a poor man was sent to Goal for a demand of 9d *per Annum* for 10 years Easter-Offerings.]

1701. Eleanor Pedle was prosecuted in the Exchequer for small Tithes at the Suit of Joseph Wren, Parson of Somerton. [Was committed to Ilchester Goal on an Attachment, the 30th of the Month call'd January 1701, and Continued a Prisoner above 2 Years for a Demand of about 20/- for Tithes, which the Parson afterwards took by Justice's Warrant.]

Matthew Bendall was prosecuted in the Exchequer for small Tithes and Offerings, at the Suit of William Kidley, Parson of Queen-Camel. [Committed to Ilchester Goal for a Demand of about 5/- for Tithes, Eggs and Easter Offerings.]

John Cowling of Stanton-Drew was prosecuted in the Exchequer for Tithes, at the Suit of John Sellick, Impropriator. [Committed to Ilchester Goal on the 14th of the Month call'd April 1702, and remov'd by *Habeas Corpus* to the Exchequer Bar the 18th of November following, and committed to the Fleet: He was discharged thence on the 6th of February 1702/3, the Court taking the Bill against him *pro confesso*. The Tithes were prov'd by one Witness on a Commission of Enquiry to be £9. 9/3, and the Plaintiff's Bill of Costs was taxed at £35. 10/-.]

1702. Marmaduke Coate of Hambridge was prosecuted in the Exchequer for Tithes at the Suit of Robert Banbury, Impropriator.

Edith Place of Hambridge was prosecuted in the Exchequer, at the Suit of the said Robert Banbury, Impropriator.

Joane Scott of Hambridge was prosecuted in the Exchequer for Tithes.

William Coate of Grinton was prosecuted in the Exchequer for Tithes, at the Suit of Parson Beavan. [Committed to Prison, but discharged sometime after by an Act of Grace.]

1703. William Coate was again prosecuted in the Exchequer, at the Suit of the aforesaid Parson Beavan. [Was returned *Non est Inventus*, altho' publickly at Home. The Falshood of which return being discovered, the Prosecution was dropt.]

Giles Ithell of Brislington was prosecuted in the Exchequer for Tithes, at the Suit of Alexander Popham, Impropriator. [Tithes decreed by the Court came to £8 15/3.]

William Tilly of Mudford was prosecuted in the Exchequer for Tithes, at the Suit of Robert Smith, Impropriator. [Demand of about £2 8/- *per Annum* for Two Years, altho' £1 4/- *per Annum* had been the customary Payment. On the 17th of October 1702, he was serv'd with an Attachment out of the Exchequer, as he was at Sherburn Market, in the County of Dorset, and kept Prisoner at the Goaler's House there 3 Weeks and 6 Days, and afterwards committed to Dorset Goal, about the 14th Day of November 1702, and on the 29th of the same was discharg'd. After which upon an Attachment in Trinity-Term, he was taken up and carried towards Ilchester Prison, but the Bailiffs dismist him by the Way, and went Home to his House, and took a Yoke of Oxen which cost him £10, threatning to come and take more.

On the 2d Day of the Month call'd February 1704, he was again taken up on an Attachment, 'and committed to Ilchester Goal, where he remained Prisoner about two years, and had taken from him by Sequestration Twelve Bullocks and Eight Weaned Calves worth £45. They also seized his pasture Land, to feed the aforesaid Bullocks and Calves, and an Horse, or Horses, in many Weeks in the best Part of the Year for Grass, which was worth £5, beside the Yoke of Oxen afore-mentioned; the whole amounting to £60, wheras the Tithes demanded were not above the Value of £7 4/- for 6 years.]

Richard Broom was prosecuted in the Exchequer for Tithes, at the Suit of John Jeans, Tithe-farmer under the Parson of Creech. [The demand was for less than £3; He was Imprison'd in Ilchester Goal.]

Edward Pole junior of Wivelscombe was prosecuted in the Exchequer for £7 2/6 for Tithes, at the Suit of Edward Collings Parson of the said Parish. ARTHUR SCHOMBERG.

(*To be continued.*)

215. MUDFORD AND TRENT, SOMERSET.—The following is copied from a MS. book compiled by the late Mr. Robert Sampson Langdon* who resided at Mudford for the latter portion

* Mr. R. S. Langdon reached his 70th year, April 22, 1856.

of his life, and was the father of the late vicar, the Rev. John Langdon. The facts and information were no douht jotted down by him from time to time and afterwards brought together in the form in which they now appear in the year A.D. 1863, "ætatis suæ 77."

If his example were imitated by other lovers of parochial topography, valuable materials towards a more complete history of Somerset than we have at present would be gradually accumulated and many old traditions would be rescued from oblivion.

J.B.

Mudford.

Mudford Church is dedicated to St. Mary; external length 122 feet, breadth 25 feet, entrance porch 12 feet × 8 feet, tower 66 ft. high, surmounted by battlements and has on it 7 pinnacles. A belt encircles the tower engraved on the stonework of which are the armorial bearings of the original contributors to the erection of the edifice.* On the west face of the tower was formerly a representation of the Crucifixion but now obliterated.

John Sampson and his brother Sam lie under the tomb opposite the western door.

Internal length 110 feet, chancel 36, nave 56, baptistry [*i.e.* tower] 16, recess 2.

Breadth 18 ft., elevation of the highly vaulted ceiling 30 feet, window 10 ft. by 6, transept 14 × 12.

The pulpit, of neatly carved antique oak, is opposite the transept against the first nave window, on the adjoining mullion of which is a neat delineation of the Patron Saint. The sittings in the nave, also of antique oak, are elaborately carved. On them are these initials, south side, 4 sittings "J.S. 1687," "J.G. 1787" and "S.S. 1637." 5th sitting "J.G. 1679," "J.G. 1681." John Gardner and Sampson (S.S. we presume refer to Simon Sampson) are of long standing in Mudford and are now to be found in the parish.

The parish register records the death of Mr. Minchinton Feb. 17, 1783. His son, (a barrister) the last descendant, also lived in Mudford and left about 50 years since, and his family is now extinct in this parish.

Extracts.

1590 Mary Colly the daughter of Dorothy Colly widdow a poor alms mayde was buried the xj of Agust.

1581 Lyonnell Whitby youn man of this pish and Tomasine Beaton mayden were married the xxvj daye of January.

1590 John Whitby was buried the xxiv of October.

1608 Januari 20 Agnes the wif of William Whitby was buried.

* The church tower was blown down in a storm Sept. 4, 1309, and rebuilt shortly afterwards.

1615 Jan. 12 Margaret Whitby of Upmudford widdow was buried.

1617 Sep. 30 William Whitby sen. Gent. of Newton [? Hinton] was buried.

1623 April 2 Lyonnell Whitby son of Mr. Whitby [baptized].

1626 March 10 Robet Long gent. and Mary Whitby daughter of Elizab Whitby were married.

1627 April 26 Lyonnell Whitby of Mudford was buried.

1631 Novem. 8 Thomasine Whitby Widow was buried.

There are other entries connected with the Whitby family which appears to have been for a long series of years numerous and in much respect at Mudford; but favouring the cause of the unfortunate Duke of Monmouth who was defeated at Sedgemoor July 5, 1685, their property became confiscated. No descendant is now in Mudford.

The first vicar recorded 1563 was the Rev. Nicholas Tomkins, and in 1595, 2nd April, it appears by the register that another N.T. was instituted vicar.

"1631, Novem. 8. Nicholas Tomkins vic. and Joane Virgin of Chilcompton were married."

1847, Febry. 7. Jane Culliford of Yeovil Marsh who had attained the extraordinary age of 107 years [was buried]. She was baptized in Yeovil, June, 1740.

Vicars: 1753 William Langdon, 1794 William Mairis, 1811 J. Bowen, 1831 Aaron Foster, 1853 John Langdon.

1755 William Langdon, afterwards vicar of Montacute, was curate.

Speaking of Up Mudford as the property of George Harbin, Esq., he says:—"In the reign of James I. the Up Mudford mansion, then possessed by the gt.-gt.-grandfather of the present possessor, was destroyed by fire, but a new one was erected on the original site and occupied by the same gentleman: of this erection a considerable portion has been taken down and the remaining part has become the dwelling-house of one of the tenants."

Of Ashington he says that it was "built by the same architect as Up-Mudford and that the church is dedicated to St. Vincent. The house was formerly the residence of Sir John St. Barbe of Broadlands, Hants, from whom it descended to the Sydenham and Tregonwell families, but remained with the latter. Sir John St. Barbe was buried in the chancel of Ashington church with this memorial"—

"Here lyeth Sir John St. Barbe Baronet possessed of those amiable qualities which Birth Education Travel Greatness of Spirit and Goodness of Heart produce.

"His second wife Alice Fiennes, Aunt to the present Lord Saye and Sele. His first was Honor, daughter of Colonel Norton.

"He died at his seat of Broadlands in Hampshire Sept. 7,

1723 leaving for his sole heir and executor Humphry Sydenham of Combe in Somersetshire, who ordered this marble to his memory."

TRENT.

Trent consists of two distinct Lordships, Trent and Hummer. The latter is on the north side of the village, and comprises about 194 acres.

Besides these there is the Manor of Adber, divided into two parts, Nether Adber and Over Adber. The former, which contains about 340 acres, is in nearly equal portions between Trent and Mudford. Over Adber is attached to Queen Camel. There was formerly a chapel at Adber which was demolished during the revolutionary war which preceded the Commonwealth.

St. Andrew's Church, on which a liberal Rector [Turner] expended nearly £2000. Chancel 29 × 15, nave 60 × 20, baptistry 14 sq., total length 103 feet. North transept 12 × 18, porch 12 sq., height to ceiling nearly 27.

The screen, separating the chancel and the nave, is richly ornamented with foliage gilt and inscription on it recording repair by Beaver [Rector] 1792.

The eastern window of stained glass, presented by the Rector from Dresden, represents a variety of scripture and other subjects.

Two north and south chancel windows, two given by Mr. Turner, two by 12 of his friends:—

Rev. Dr. Bridges, late President of C.C.C., Ox.
Rev. Thos. Putt, late Rector of Trent.
Rev. Thos. Allford.
Ven. Archdeacon Brymer.
Rev. J. Halliday.
Rev. Anthony Huxtable.
Rev. Edwin Lance.
Henry Burnaby Esq.
Wm. Kinglake Esq.
Thos. Lewin Esq.
Geo. Porcher Esq.
Henry Porcher Esq.

The windows shew the twelve apostles three in each window.

The pulpit was purchased by the Rector in Belgium and presented by him to the church. It is of carved oak, and its panels embellished with appropriate scripture subjects.

Round the soffit of the aisle arch:

"All Fleshe is grasse and the glory of it is as the floure of the fielde."

On the north and south sides of the same stem (qy. arch) we read:

North, under a ducal coronet, "Vale; nos te eo ordine quo natura jusserit sequemur."

South, under a Saracen's head, "Mors mihi lucrum; vixit post Funera virtus."

From the parish register it appears that Sir Francis Wyndham died July 15, 1676, and his widow, Lady [Anne] Wyndham, July 19, 1698.

Inscription on Sir Francis Wyndham's coffin:—"Here lyeth the Body of Sir Francis Wyndham Baronet who died the 15 day of July 1676 ætatis suæ 66."

On Lady Wyndham's coffin:—"Dm A.W. obt. Jul. 19 An. Dom. 1698."

General Hugh Wyndham (brother of Sir Francis Wyndham) is buried at Trent. The register of his burial is:—

The Hon'ble Hugh Wyndham died at Valencia in Spain Sept. 30th 1706 and was brought and buried at Trent May 31st 1707.

Tradition reports that he was buried in three kingdoms, his body in one, his head in another, and his bowels in a third. His head is certainly preserved in spirits in the Wyndham vault.

Portraits of Sir Francis Wyndham, General Hugh, and other members of the family are preserved at Newton house.

Tower 59 feet, spire 35, crowning vane 6 = 100 feet. Parish registers commence 1558.

Almshouses for 4 poor persons founded by Mrs. Turner Gardner; monument kept in repair by Mrs. Gardner's bequest, £120 to 6 poor persons after deducting repairs of monument.

216. Margaret Russell, last Abbess of Tarrant.—The following is a copy of the Will of the last Abbess of Tarrant, Dorset, dated 20th Jannary, 1567, and proved, P.C.C., — July, the following year. She, with 18 nuns, surrendered the Abbey into the hands of John Smith, Commissioner, 13th March, 1539, and in 1553 was in receipt of a pension of £40 per annum. (Hutchins, iii., 122). By her will it appears that she was a cousin of the Earl of Bedford but her name does not occur in the pedigree of the Earl's family in Hutchins' *Dorset*, ii., 782. John Skerne, to whom she bequeathed "two cruetts and a Challice of sylver," *relliquiæ Trojâ ex ardente receptæ*, as they may be supposed to have been, was buried at Bere Regis in 1596, where his recumbent effigy and that of Margarett his wife, are still extant.

C. H. Mayo.

"In the name of God, Amen, the xxth daye of Januarie in the yeare of oure Lorde God a thousande fyve hundred threscore and seaven, I Margaret Russell sometyme Abbesse of the late dissolued Monestarye of Tarrant in the Dioces of Bristowe beinge of good and pfect remembraunce, lawde and prayse be therefore giuen vnto almightie god, Do ordaine and make thys my present

Testament and last will in manner and forme foloweing; Firste I comytt my sowle into the handes of almightie god my maker savior and redemer, And my bodie I will to be buryed in the pishe Churche of Bere reg's in the countie of Dorset. Item I giue to the sayde pishe Churche fyve shillings. Item I giue to the pishe Churche of Tun' Spuddle [Turner's Puddle] fyve shillinges. Item I giue to my cosenn Jane Bingeham one sylver bere cupp with a couer pcell gylte, one littell salte of sylver gylte and graven without a couer, one shippe coffer that standeth next to the windowe in the gallerye, the two Aundirons the fyer pyke and the fyerr pann which stande in my chimney, and my little chafer that I occupie everye daye. Item I give to my cosenn Alice Lawerence one sylver bere cupp gylte with a couer. Item I give vnto my cosenn Elizabeth Rose one pece of syluer with the foote and brymme pcell gylte, my best goune of sylke Chamlett, my Kirtle of Sattenn my scarelett peticoate and my best bonnett of velvett, syxe Cushiones whereof two couered with sarcenet one with grene veluett wroughte with golde, and the other three wrought vpon clothe with nedell worke, two of my best Carpettes, my cips cofer [cypress coffer] flatt and square, my best beddsteade, my best couerletts my best blankettes, my best shetes, with pilloweties and bolster belonginge to the same, my presse in my maydes chamber, a basenn and Ewer of Tynne, and my shippe coffer that standeth in the Gallerye. Item I give to my cosenn Jane Poynes one little chased pece of syluer grauen in the bottome with twoe scalloppe shelles and powered [blank]. Item I giue to my cosenn Edith Chymney my seconde best gowne of grogroame, any my Kertle of silke Chamelet. Item I giue to Anne Haiwarde wch was my s'vañte, my best fether bedd whereupon my mayde nowe lyethe, a payer of blankettes which I nowe vse to the same, the bolster of the same bedd, a pyllowe and a pyllowtie, one couerlett of whyte wroughte with redd and grene brannches, a red couerlett with roses, one payre of shetes, one posnet, the lesser skyllotte, the cupeborde that standeth by the windowe, my cofer made w^t^ Drapy worke, two candelstikes whereof one of them is with a vice, my littell cofer that standeth vnder the Cupeborde in the which I vse to putt threade, and she to have all thinges in the same. Item I give to my servante John Prysse my seconde best fetherbedd, a bolster, a pillowe, a pillowetye, a couerlett of redd with white roses, two payre of shetes, a whyte testor, on whyte pece of syluer, my cuppeborde standinge next to the chamber Dore with my cofferre wroughte with Drapy work, my nagge with brydle and sadle, my great skyllett of brasse, two candelstickes whereof one is with a vyce, one greate Chafer, my great morter, my little basonne, thre of my everie daye cushiones, and thre of my hollidaies cushiones, with my cofer clothes vnder them as theye lye. Item I giue to Eme Haiwarde a linsett, a smoche, a rayle or kerchiffe. Item I giue to Joane Penney my

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

De Hugone Faverich de Tuderunton pro viridi .. xijd.
De Radulpho de Cleybrugge de Frome pro plegio .. xiid.
De Roberto Fabro de Tuderunton pro plegio .. xiid.
De Henrico Skarbet de Bradeleg' pro viridi .. pauper.
De Willielmo Dagge de Yarnefeld pro plegio .. xijd.
De Willielmo Brytmere de eadem pro eodem .. mortuus.
De Roberto Hyk de Smethewyk pro viridi.. .. xijd.
De Johanne atte Stile de eadem pro plegio .. xijd.
De Waltero preposito de eadem pro eodem .. mortuus.
De Johanne Pylie de Frome pro viridi .. .. ijs.
De Willielmo le Knyt de Smethewyk pro plegio .. xijd.
De Hugone Pylie de Frome pro eodem .. .. mortuus.
De Hugone Strot de Bryweton pro viridi .. .. xijd.
De Waltero Molendinario de Bonham pro eodem .. xijd.
De Johanne Leuerich de Bonham pro plegio .. iiij^{or}s.
De Harding de la Penne pro eodem .. .. xijd.
De Willielmo Longfot de Bonham pro viridi .. ijs.
De Waltero Alwy de Briweham pro plegio .. .. iijs.
De Radulpho le Gaunt de eadem pro eodem .. xijd.
De Gilberto le Irysse de Trotekeshull pro viridi .. xijd.
De Johanne le Blak' de Frome pro viridi .. .. pauper.
De Roberto serviente Gilberti de Pyle pro eodem .. xijd.
De Gilberto filio Simonis Longi de Trotekeshull' pro viridi xijd.
De Radulpho le Blak' de Smethwyk' pro eodem .. pauper.
De Johanne de Sumerton pro plegio..nihil quia Radulphus venit.
De Waltero atte fenne de eadem pro viridi.. .. xijd.
De Herwardo de Barwe pro plegio .. .. xijd.
De Willielmo le Mouner de BiteWode pro eodem .. alibi.
De Symone Bytewode pro plegio .. .. xijd.
De Simone Longo de Trotekeshull pro eodem .. alibi.
De Johanne de Deuelton pro viridi .. .. xijd.
De Martino de Deuelton pro plegio .. .. ijs.
De Ricardo atte Pyle de Trotekeshull pro viridi .. ijs.
De Gilberto atte Pyle pro viridi .. .. ijs.
De Philippo le Ismonger de Frome pro eodem .. xijd.
De Henrico le Carecter de Staverdale pro eodem .. xijd.
De Willielmo filio Ernaldi de Briweton pro eodem .. xijd.
De Roberto Durdas de eadem pro plegio .. .. xijd.
De Rogero Hereward de Tudurunton pro viridi .. xijd.
De Waltero Halterking de eadem pro plegio .. xiid.
De Adam Dunt de Merston pro viridi .. .. xiid.
De Rogero filio Nicholai de Trotekeshull' pro eodem .. xiid.
De Thoma le Punguur de Claford pro eodem .. xijd.
De Willielmo Kiggel de Stok pro eodem .. .. xiid.
De Rogero Kiggel de eadem pro eodem .. .. xiid.
De Willielmo le Neweman de eadem pro eodem .. xijd.
De Willielmo filio Aluredi de eadem pro viridi .. xijd.
De David Kempe de eadem pro plegio .. .. xijd.

De Nicholao Cotele de eadem pro eodem ..	..	ijs.
De Ernulfo Tyrel de Frome pro viridi ..	..	xijd.

M. 11. *dorso.*

De Ada Stut de Stok pro eodem ..	..	xijd.
De Roberto Forestario de Rodles pro plegio	..	xiid.
De Osberto Hywys pro viridi	..	xiid.
De Nicholao de eadem pro plegio ..	..	xiid.
De Ricardo de Hywys pro eodem ..	..	xijd.
De Thoma de la Graue de eadem pro plegio	..	ijs.
De Ricardo de la Wodegate pro viridi ..	..	pauper.
De Waltero Carpenter de Culmeton pro eodem	..	pauperes.
De Ricardo atte Pyle de eadem pro eodem		
De Waltero Duraund de eadem pro plegio		
De Waltero Gubold de Radene pro viridi		
De Waltero Kubbel de Staverdale pro viridi	..	xiid.
De Mattheo de la Berwe pro plegio ..	..	xijd.
De Waltero Pur de eadem pro eodem ..	..	xijd.
De Waltero Bugge de Briweton pro viridi extra	..	xijd.
De Willielmo Thurmund de eadem pro plegio	..	xijd.
De Roberto le Stur de eadem pro eodem ..	..	xijd.
De Ernulfo Thurtrith de eadem pro eodem	..	xijd.
De Ricardo Fabro de la Penne pro eodem..	..	xijd.
De Henrico le Thoor de eadem pro eodem	..	xijd.
De David Heregrym de Frome pro viridi ..	..	alibi.
De Henrico Blisse de eadem pro plegio ..	..	xijd. (?).
De Radulpho le Mouner de Troteskeshull pro plegio	..	xiid.
De Waltero de Herdemede de Frome pro eodem	..	pauper.
De Willielmo le Paumer de la Penne pro eodem	..	xijd.
De Waltero la Brode pro eodem ..	..	xijd.
De Ricardo Noel de Stok pro eodem ..	..	xijd.
De Ricardo Bustin de eadem pro plegio ..	..	xiid.
De Willielmo de la Fenne de eadem pro eodem	..	xiid.
De Ricardo Stak de Bryuton pro viridi ..	..	pauper.
De Willielmo Preposito de eadem pro plegio	..	alibi.
De Galfrido Athelem de Waldich pro viridi	..	mortuus.
De Johanne Waldich pro plegio ..	..	xijd.
De Ada le Bube de eadem pro eodem ..	..	xijd.
De Warino de Wynkaulton pro viridi ..	..	xijd.
De Ada Tyrel de Frome pro eodem ..	..	xijd.
De Ada le Paumer de Wynkaulton pro eodem	..	xijd.
De Nicholao de la Forde pro plegio ..	..	xijd.
De Waltero Punchehaste de Frome pro viridi	..	xijd.
De Rogero le Blowere de Stok' pro eodem..	..	xijd.
De Rogero de Bytewode pro plegio ..	..	xijd.
De Waltero de eadem pro eodem ..	..	xijd.
De Henry le Caretter de Staverdal pro viridi	..	xijd.
De Willielmo le Mouner de Bytewood pro plegio	..	xijd.

THE WHITE HORSE INN, MAIDEN NEWTON.

De Willielmo le Pur pro eodem .. .. xijd.
De Johanne le Conare de Thiderington pro viridi .. xijd.
De Ricardo Tuppe de eadem pro plegio .. .. xijd.
De Johanne le Pey pro eodem .. .. .. xijd.

Petrus de Henton clericus captus pro suspectione transgressionis venacionis venit et invenit plegios quod de cetero non malefaciet in foresta scilicet Henricum de Ponte in Fokele et Thomam de Shenescumbe et condonatur ei pro rege et quod diu jacuit in prisona.

De Ricardo Thuke pro viridi extra .. .. alibi.
De Johanne Pey pro eodem .. .. .. alibi.

(*To be continued.*)

218. THE WHITE HORSE INN, MAIDEN NEWTON.—We give, as an illustration, in the present number a view of a portion of "Vanishing Dorset," in the shape of the old Inn which has hitherto occupied so conspicuous position in the centre of the market town of Maiden Newton, Dorset. The brewer, to whom the White Horse Inn belongs, has, so we learn, decreed its demolition, and this interesting feature of the locality will now have to be reckoned among things of the past. In common with all lovers of "Old Dorset," we heartily regret that this picturesque building is not privileged to escape the destroyer's hand.

The illustration also shows the stump of an ancient cross.

We are much indebted to Mr. R. D. Barrett, photographer, of South Street, Bridport, for permission to use his photograph of the Inn. EDITOR FOR DORSET.

219. POWELL FAMILY: Corrections, Connexion of Branches, &c. (IV. xxxii. 292, V. xxxiii. 30, xxxvi. 135, xxxvii. 194, 195).—For "Mary" Powell, 12th line from top of page 228 read *Marie* Powell, as in Stoke Gregory Parish Register. For "1804," 23rd line from top, read *1604*. P. S. P. CONNER.
Octorara, Rowlandsville, Maryland.

P.S.—I may add that from the lad Samuel Powell, who is stated in my said "Note" as leaving Somerset for Pennsylvania in 1685, there came a family of wealth, social eminence and political importance, in the Province; viz., the Powels of Powelton, near Philadelphia. This family, in common with that of Wilton and Taunton in Somerset, bore *Per fesse Argent and Or a lion rampant Gules*; crest, *An estoile of eight points above a cloud proper*. Hence the two families were (by this evidence at least) akin, and indeed, connected by more than one link, as shown by the parish registers of Stoke Gregory, and the Somerset Friends' records in London and Philadelphia. Thus for instance, John Powell, *junior*, of Stoke Gregory, Somerset (*ob.* 1618), was the great-grandfather, in male line, of the said Samuel Powell who settled at Philadelphia in 1685, while John Powell, *senior*, of said

Stoke (*ob.* 1604), was the great-grandfather of Deborah Powell the mother of the said Samuel.

The two said John Powells of Stoke were either cousins or brothers (instances of living brothers bearing the same Christian name are not wanting in the records of the past), and, if my suggestion proves correct, viz., that the said Marie Powell, the daughter of John Powell, *senior*, was also the niece of the said William Powell, son of Morgan Powell of Taunton, Somerset, then the said John, *senior*, and William were brothers, both sons of Morgan Powell of Taunton.

Hence the Powells of Taunton, Wilton, and Stoke Gregory, and the latter's direct descendants of Powelton in Pennsylvania, came from one stock; to wit, that of Einion Efell of the line of the Princes of Powys, said arms having been allowed to their common ancestor by the Heralds in consequence of their descent having been made evident, as for instance in the case of the Wilton-Taunton branch, given by me in former numbers of *S. & D. N. & Q.*. and in the pedigree from the *Somerset Visitation* of 1672, contributed by me to the London *Notes and Queries*, some months ago.

Since I have pedigrees of the Wilton, Taunton, Stoke Gregory and Powelton families running up, link by link, to the reign of Queen Elizabeth, the time when lived Morgan Powell of Taunton, it is evident that the two most important points left to be settled are, at present, the proving that the said Marie Johnson was actually the daughter of the said John Powell as well as niece of the said William Powell; and also, the discovery of the said Morgan Powell's parentage; for if that were once known, the rest of the ancient line up to the Princes of Powys would follow most likely, link by link, instead as at present by an imperfect chain, assured in the main however by the acts of Heralds moved thereto by the knowledge of facts now lost.

To this end I beg the assistance of Somerset and Welsh genealogists.

220. Clarke Family.—In the church of Wookey near Wells is an altar tomb on which are seven shields, three on either side and one at the west end, the east end coming against the wall of the church. On each side are these two coats separately and impaled viz. *Two bars and in chief three escallop shells;* and, *Three bird bolts paleways in fess*, while the shield at the end is charged with, *Two bars and in chief three escallops*, imp. quarterly 1 and 4 *Three bird bolts erect in fess.* 2 and 3 *A fess betw. in chief two mullets and in base a crescent.* All are without any colours remaining. Over this last shield by way of crest is on the dexter an arm in armour emb., the hand grasping an arrow, and over the sinister side a sheaf of arrows. Round the top is this inscription: "Here lyth the bodye of Thomas Clarke Esquyer & Anthony his wyf, whiche Thomas was departed to

Gode the 2 daye of Marche 1555. and also Anthony departed the daye ." The date was left blank, as was occasionally done, for the introduction of the date of death of the surviving husband or wife as the case might be. This Thomas Clarke was a brother of John Clarke, Bishop of Bath and Wells.

In the church of S. Cuthbert, Wells, is the remains of a canopied altar tomb of freestone, consisting of the recumbent effigy of a gentleman in armour (the lower part of the legs were cut away about forty years since to allow a door way to be made to the priest's vestry, which before was only entered from the sanctuary), a shield quarterly 1 and 4 Clarke as above, 2 and 3 the bird bolts (? for Boulton), with helmet and mantling, the crest, badly cut, being an arm embowed, a hole through the hand indicating that a wooden arrow was probably fixed in it. This and a panel bearing the inscription "Clara Charæ Clarko A° Dni 1587," each word being separated by a trefoil slipped, are built into the east wall of the north aisle of the chancel; there are also two loose shields, one bearing Clarke alone; the other was intended to have the quartered coats above given, but the sculptor has made the second quarter display two cords ending in two escallop shells in the fourth.

The following abstract of the will of Henry Clarke, son of the above Thomas and Anthony Clarke, is interesting. "Henry Clarke of Wells Esquire." Will dated at Wookey, 3 Sept., 6 Q. Eliz., 1564, a codicil dated 7 May, 1565. To be buried in the church of S. Cuthbert in Wells, "nee unto my daughter Elizabeth." To the fabrick of the Cathedral Church of S. Andrew, Wells, 10s. Towards repairing the chancel of the parish church of Locking 20s. To the church works of the parish church of Woke (Wookey) 6s 8d. To the church works of Kingston Seymer 3s 4d. Wife Elizabeth. To my sonne William Clarke, my best great salte of silver gilt, having upon the reverse my father and mother's armes graven. To sonne Thomas Clarke, a ring of gold with my seale of armes. Son Harry. Five daughters Johane, Anthony, Anne, Mary, and Elizabeth. "My father Thomas Clarke late deceased." Cousin Sir Rowland Clarke. Cousin John Cawood. "Elizabeth Hill da. of my sister Alice deceased." Sister Anne Caxton. Friends Mr. William Norman, scrivener of Wells, William Watson, Master William Bowerman, Sub-Dean of Wells, and Sir John Turner, prest. Names his manors of Locking, Kingston and Blackford, with lands &c. at Wookey Hole and S. Decumans, also Mansion houses at Wookey and Wells. Proved at Wells 11 April 1565. Wells P.R. Book 14 folio 107. It was the daughter Anthony who, according to Harl. M.S. 1559, became heiress to her father and married John Newton, second son of Sir John Newton of East Harptree, and was mother of a daughter and heiress Frances, wife of George Upton of Warminster, in S. Cuthbert's parish, Wells.

The Sir Rowland Clarke named above was one of the knights made by the Lord Protector Somerset in the camp at Rocksburgh, in Scotland, in 1547. In the Common Hall of the Vicars Choral at Wells, among other shields is one, *Or, two bars gu, surmounted by a horse's head erased erm., in chief three escallops az.*, which has been assigned as the arms of Bishop Clarke; but the arms without the horse's head appear in old glass in the Cathedral, and as this Hall was renovated long after the Bishop's death, it seems more probable, in the absence of better proof, that this variation of the arms was adopted by the Knight rather than by the Bishop. A. J. JEWERS.

[A pedigree of the Clerke family will be found in *The History of Wookey*, by the Rev. Preb. T. S. Holmes.]

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221. SNIGG FAMILY.—In the church of S. Stephen's, Bristol, is a large mural monument for Sir George Snigg Knt. one of the Barons of the Exchequer in 1604, and Recorder of Bristol 1592 to 1604, and died 11 Nov., 1617, aged 73. This monument was repaired at the cost of his grandson, Thomas Hodges Esq. It was again restured in 1888 at the time the church underwent restoration, as inscriptions on it tell us. The arms at the top as they now stand are, *Az. three leopards' faces or.* Imp. *Per fess gu. and vert, a fess betw. three griffin's heads or.* Crest. *A popinjay, or parrot vert, collared beaked and legged gu.*

The impaled coat is not given by Papworth, nor does Burke give it as one of the coats of Yonge or Young, though according to the pedigree in the Visitation of Somerset, printed by Mr. Weaver, Sir George married Alice da. of William Yong of Ogborne co. Wilts.

Of his children there appear to have been two not given in the Visitation pedigree, viz., Frances married to Matthew Huntley, and Jane the wife of Edmund Estcourt, as they are so given in the Visitation of Gloucester printed by the Harleian Soc.

The will of George Snigge of Hutton, gent., dated 11 Sept., 1703, and prov. 17 Sept., 1703, at Wells by Elizabeth Snygg the relict and George Snygg the son; gives to his wife Elizabeth the use of all his household goods, a waggon, plough harness, three cows, one bay mare, four red coloured steers, while she remains a widow, towards bringing up his children. To dau. Elizabeth £200 at 21 or marriage. Younger sons John and Richard £100 each. To such child or children as his wife is now enceinte with £100 each at 21. All to be paid by his eldest son George out of tenements and lands in Hutton, late in the possession of testator's grandfather Jervis. Desires that part of the bequests be used to put the lives of one or two children on a tenement at Ludwell. Wife Elizabeth and friend John Selwood of Kewstoke, gent., executors.

Mar. Lic. dated 29 Jan., 1717, for George Snigg of Hutton,

gent., and Elizabeth Ladd of Berrington, spinster, whose mother consents. To marry at Berrington or S. Cuthbert, Wells.
(Bishop's Registry Mar. Lic. Allegations).

Mary da. of George Snygg, gent., and Joane his w. buried 5 Nov., 1668. Hutton P.R. Bp's Trans. A. J. JEWERS.

222. AVERY FAMILY.—In the church of S. John, Frome, is a mural monument for Benjamin Avery, Attorney at Law, son of Jacob Avery of Wells, gent. He married Joan, da. of William Chapman, alderman of Bath, by whom he had two sons and nine daughters, and died 8 Jan., 1675, as the inscription informs us. There is also a shield with these arms. *Gu. a chev. or betw. three bezants.* imp. *Per chev. arg. and gu. a crescent counterchanged, a canton of the second.* Chapman.

The will of the widow of the above Benjamin Avery is in the Probate Registry at Wells and gives some interesting particulars as the following abstract shows :—

Joan Avery of Frome Zelwood widow. Will not dated. To granddau: Joan Fisher dau. of Mr. John Fisher of Sherborne a diamond ring. Mrs. Elizabeth Parrie of Frome Zelwood a ring. Alice Rogers of Frome Zelwood a ring and black stuff petticoat, and if testatrix dies in the house of William Rogers husband of the said Alice, then she is to have the bed and bolster "I usually lie on there." Cousin Mrs. Elizabeth Haitor dau. of Mrs. Elizabeth Parrie "my safegard." Sister in law Mrs. Elizabeth Chapman relict of brother Mr. John Chapman deceased, a ring. Mrs. Sarah Langly "my best hat." Edith Shephard "my old hat." Mary Fry "my purple cloth petticoat." Priscilla Crese all shoes and stockings, with a white flannel petticoat. Whereas son in law Mr. William Frampton of Frome Zelwood is bound to pay testatrix £3 per ann. for life on a bond for £50, it is to go to beloved son Mr. Benjamin Avery. Grandchild Hannah Fisher "who hath for some years lived with me," £50 now in the hands of Mr. Alexander Hilman, at 21 or marriage. Nephew Mr. William Chapman of Bath, gent., a purple satin petticoat. Brother Mr. Henry Chapman, Alderman of Bath, "all he owes me" of the £50 due on a bond from Mr. William Frampton and Mr. Edward Davis, late of Trobridge, £30 to grandchild Joan Fisher and £20 to her sister Elizabeth Fisher, daughters of Mr. John Fisher of Sherborne, at the age of 21 or marriage. £10 promised to the poor of Frome, £7 is paid, and the other £3 is to be paid at once. Alice Alsop and her brother William Rogers 2s. 6d. each. Beloved dau. in law Mrs. Margaret Avery two best silk petticoats. Mr. Richard Jenkins 20/- for a ring and he to preach a funeral sermon. Only son Mr. Benjamin Avery residuary legatee and executor. To be buried in Frome church as near late husband as possible. Prov. 11 May, 1683. A. J. JEWERS.

223. SHERBORNE ABBEY HERALDRY.—
Nave N.W.—N.E.

1. "Azure on a bend or three escallops (argent)." No such arms, probably "Gules on a bend argent three escallops sable." Knoyle or Knowles, Dorset.

2. "Sable three baskets full of bread argent." Middleton, may be Milton Abbey.

3. "Azure a chevron between three garbs or." Hatton.

4. "Sable on a cross or five cinquefoils of the first." This would be the "See of St. David's"; but as these seem to be family coats, I prefer to read it, "Or on a cross quarterly azure and gules five roses argent." Langton (Bishop).

5. "Azure a pastoral staff in pale argent ensigned with a cross pattee or, surmounted by a pall of the second edged and fringed of the third charged with five crosses pattee fitchee, two and three, sable." See of Canterbury; impaling quarterly, 1st and 4th, "ermine and gules" (Papworth says gu. and erm.); 2nd and 3rd. "Gules a goat's head erased argent (attired or). Morton (Archbishop).

S.E.—S.W. 1. "Gules a cross argent over all on the dexter side a crosier in pale or." Sherborne Abbey. All the authorities read it thus, but I found many cases of the cross being over the crosier, anyhow it is poor heraldry, as the crosier ought to be in one of the quarters or else the cross humetty.

2. "Azure a cross (sometimes engrailed) between four lilies argent." Cerne Abbey. On Abbot's gateway at Cerne the cross was engrailed.

3. "Azure three pairs of keys addorsed and conjoined in the rings, wards in chief, two and one, or." Abbotsbury Abbey.

4. The rebus of Thomas Langton. T. L. and a cockatrice close through a tun.

5. "Sable between two bread baskets full and a third and a W in base argent, a cross flory or (ought to be argent)." Abbot William Middleton of Milton Abbey.

Horsey Tomb. N. Wall, "Quarterly 1st and 4th (Azure) three horse's heads couped at neck (or) bridled (gules) two and one." Horsey. 2nd, "(Azure) a chevron between three crosses croslet fitchee within engrailed bordure (or)." Tourgeis or Sturgess. 3rd, "Barry wavy of eight (argent and gules) a saltire (or)." Malbanke. Round Tomb. 1. Horsey. 2. Horsey impaling Malbanke. 3. Horsey impaling Sturges. 4. Horsey impaling "(argent) on a chevron (azure) between three lozenges (really fusils gules) as many fleurs de lis (or)," but this ought to have "a bordure engrailed sable." Maudley. 5. Horsey impaling "(argent) a chevron between three roses (gules) seeded (or) barbed (vert.)" Phelips. 6. This is two quarterings of Phelips in one, viz., in chief Phelips as above, in base "(or) on a chevron (really engrailed) three eagle's heads erased (argent)." Philips of Dorset.

Vestry. Hatchment. "Azure a fleur de lis argent." Digby. Impaling. "Azure a chevron between three lion's heads erased or." Wyndham. Crest on wreath on nobility helmet rising out of coronet, "an ostrich (argent) holding in beak a horseshoe or." Supporters, "Two monkeys (may be wolves) sable gorged or." Motto, Nul Quun.

On Mildmay monument two crests; a lion ramp. guard. and a leopard (may be talbot) passant collared and chained to sinister hind leg holding in dexter paw a slip of three leaves.

Modern floor tiles. Quarterly 1st and 4th "Sable (really azure) a fleur de lis argent." Digby, 2nd and 3rd "Argent on a bend (gules) between two cotises sable three pairs of wings conjoined in lure of the first." Wingfield. Motto, Deo non fortuna.

Lord Digby's Tomb. "Azure a fleur de lis argent, in chief a mullet or for difference." Crest as on hatchment in vestry. On dexter side, "Azure a chevron between three lion's heads erased or." Wyndham. "Argent a chevron and two couplecloses gules between three lions rampant sable." Boorne.

Leweston Chapel on E. wall "(Gules) three battleaxes heads to dexter, two and one (argent)." N.E. side tomb. 1. Leweston. 2. Leweston impaling "(argent) a bend engrailed (gules)." Culpeper. 3. Quarterly 1st and 4th "(Azure) a dolphin naiant embowed (argent)." FitzJames. 2nd "(Sable) billetty (argent) a cross flory (of the last." Norris. 3rd "(Argent) a cross engrailed (sable), in dexter chief an eagle displayed (gules)." Draycot. 4. FitzJames impaling "Per pale dexter paly of six (argent and azure), sinister, sable." Trenchard. S.E. side. 1. Leweston. 2. Leweston impaling Culpeper. 3. FitzJames. 4. FitzJames impaling Trenchard.

On boss in roof of Choir. "Or a chevron gules within a bordure engrailed sable." Stafford.

On S. side of Old House are several shields but most of them too defaced to read. 1. "(Or) on a chevron (azure) between three gilly flowers (gules) stalked and leaved (vert) a woman's head hair dishevelled (of the first); on a chief (sable) a hawk's lure between two falcons argent, legged and beaked of the field." Jewell (Bishop). 2. Believed to be Horsey. 3. Believed to be Leweston. 4. "Ermine an inkmoline (azure)." Moleyns. 5. "(Argent) a chevron between three birds (Cornish Choughs) (sable membered gules)." Thornhill.

Appendix. In Mr. Wildman's *History of Sherborne*, page 74, occurs an account of the portrait of an "unknown boy." As it contains arms, the Governors paid 10/- to the Heralds' College for deciphering them and received in answer Smith of Long Ashton, Somerset; these read, Quarterly 1st and 4th, "Gules on a chevron argent between three cinquefoils or (really argent) as many leopard's faces gules," may be proper (really sable)

Smyth; 2nd and 3rd "Gules a lion rampant within a bordure engrailed (really indented) or." Tewdwr (Tudor). On esquire's helmet on wreath a stag tripping proper (really or) attired argent; on top dexter corner opposite arms, "on two books proper is something like a morion out of which issue a battleaxe, a spear, and on a staff a pennon"; underneath is a scroll bearing the motto "Ambio et spero." Can anybody throw light on this last, is it a Tudor badge? See Collinson II. 293, the arms are those of Matthew Smyth who married Jane, daughter and coheir of Thomas Tewther, of Ludlow, Salop, and the portrait would be of his son, afterwards Sir Hugh Smyth. F. WERE.

224. BRIEFS FOR CUCKLINGTON, SOMERSET.

In *S. & D. N. & Q.* II. 117, the Rev. J. A. Bennett, in giving a list of the Briefs preserved at Yeovilton, pointed out how many items of parochial history are imbedded in them. This statament is amply borne out by the list then given which however only commences in 1707. As the list preserved at Cucklington covers a period of twenty five years immediately preceding that date, it seems to form a natural continuation, and is therefore given exactly as it stands in the pages of the register.

E. H. BATES.

Cucklington in Com. Somerset Sept. 6th, 1682. — A Register of ye Briefes recd and read by me Nath. Dalton, Rector, wth ye names of ye Chwardens in whose hands ye Briefes wth ye money collected do remain until they are called for.

		s.	d.
1681.	Rbt. Cowd for lose Budley of Devon, collected	1	6
	for ye town of Bishton in ye parish of Colwich co. Stafford ..	1	2
	,, ye town of Colompton in ye county of Devon	3	8
	Jo. Crosse and Jo. Jesse, Chwardens.		
1682.	For ye distressed Protestants in France who are come into England for succor	1	2
	Ralph Newman and Henry Newman, Chwardens.		
1683.	Leg ye Bp. of Wells his apparitor left a Briefe for pareshon Candever	2	7
	payd in at Casel Cary Visitation by Ralph Newman, May 9th.		

Mr. Richard Watts and Henry March, Ch.wardens. — At ye Archdeacons Visitation May 9th at Casel Cary, recd. a Briefe for ye Hamlett of Wapping, Whiteehappel; and a 2nd for Ensham in ye County of Oxford; and a 3rd for New Brainsford in ye parish of Hanwell.

A Briefe for ye burrough of Bradninch in ye co. of Devon.

A Briefe for Newmarket in ye County of Suffolk.

Casel cary Visitation, Oct. 23, 3 Briefes. — ,, ,, ,, repairing ye Ch. and Tower of Llanumddufery in ye Co. of Carmarthen, *prejudiced by ye inundation of a River*

A Briefe for Channel-Row in ye parish of S. Mav. [illeg.] in ye co. of Middlesex.

A Briefe for Bassingbourn in ye co. of Cambridge.

1684.

Heny Davidge and —— Parsons, Chwardens. — A Briefe for repairing ye Church of Portsmouth layd by John Savage, collected June 14th.

A Briefe for ye church of S. Bridget in ye citty of Chester, and a Briefe for Will. Knight of Dunhead in ye co. of Wilts.

1689.

Mr. Richard Watts and Jo. March, Chwardens. — A Briefe for ye distressed protestants fled from Ireland, layd ye Apparitor and read June 23rd.

Anno. 1690.

Chwardens. Mr. Richard Watts Jo. March, sen. — The Briefe for Alresford in Hampshire published by me Nath. Dalton, Rector, April 13th; collected in ye parish April 17th, and endorsed; ye sume of money collected 7 sh. & 1 halfpenny.

Briefes laid by Will Fletcher, 11th May, 1690.

Robt. Knight, jun. Thos. Knight, Chwardens.

	s.	d.
Par. St. George Borough of Southwark, losse £9900; read 19 May	2	6
East Smithfield, Middlesex, losse £6060; published 7 Sept. collected	1	6½
Bps. Lavington, Wilts, losse £5360, published 28 Sept. collected	2	3

May 17th, 1690, Briefes sent to me.

	s.	d.
A second Briefe for Irish protestants; publ. 25 May, coll.	12	10
Bungay, Suffolk; publishd. 24 Aug.; coll. ..	4	0
St. Ives, Huntingdon ,, 5 Oct. ,, ..	2	9

1691.

Jo. Read, Mr. Hugh Watts, chwardens.

Morpeth, Northumberland, losse £3530 by fire layd by Will. Fletcher.
Tingmouth and Shalldon, losse £11,000.
Thirske, Yorksh. ,, £2800
Beale, co. Brecon £10,780

1692.

Jo. Crosse at tyled house and Tho. Husse, Chwardens.

Briefe for ye poor sufferers by casualites at sea, losse £12000, pub. 10 April.
,, for ye redemption of captives, given me by Jo. Crosse, 2nd June, publ. 19 June, collected 27th June.. .. .. 11 9
,, Chagford, Devon, losse £5470, pub. 1 Oct.
,, Ledbury, Hereford, losse £3600, publ. 4 (Feb. or) Sept.

1693.

,, Havant, Southamp. ,, £5240, publ. 12 March.
,, Elseworth [Hunts.] ,, £1650 by fire, publ. 9 April, 1693.

1694.

Jo. Knight, Will. Follet, chwardens.

Recd. 25 Apr. from Richd. Hannam lately Chwarden: two Briefes.
Briefe for Yalding, Kent.
,, ,, Wooler, Northumberland.

Collected in ye parish for reliefe of ye French Protestants 2 9 and gave ye Briefe and ye 02sh. 09d. to parson pen ? to pay it to Mr. Payn at Wells, Sept. 6th.

1694, 5 Nov.

recd. a briete for Ouzegate in York Citty and read it Nov. 11th.

	s.	d.
10 July, rec. Briefe for Warwicke, published 28 July, coll.	15	11
,, ,, Nether Haven and Fiddleton in Wilts, publ. 15 Sept., coll. N.H.	2	7½
,, ,, Gillingham, co. Dorset.		
19 Sept. ,, ,, Jo. Avery of Twyford, publ. 29 March, 1696.		

Jo. March and Roger Brown, Chwardens.

1695.

pd. the Warwick money in at Brewton, 24 Oct., at ye Archdeacons Visitation by me Nath. Dalton.

1696.		
Geo. Leir and Jos. Mountier,	Briefe,	Broughton, Hants, losse by fire £1560, publ. 19th Apr.
my man nominated onely.	,,	St. Olave, Southwark losse £4490, publ. 23 Aug.
		Streatham losse by fire, £2170 ,, 11 Oct.
		s. d.
1698.	,,	Newbury losse £6300, publ. 10 May, coll. 2 10
Jo. Crosse, sen.,	,,	Drury Lane ,, £7320 ,, 5 June ,, 1 6
Sam. Read,	,,	Minehead ,, £4030 ,, 5 Feb. ,, 2 2
chwardens.	,,	Derby ,, £3030 ,, 12 March ,, 1 3
	,,	Lanceston ,, £2120 ,, 9 Apr. ,, 1 3
1699.		
Jo. Bengyfield,	,,	for ye distressed protestants beyond ye Sea,
Rich. Thorn,		publ. 16 Apr., coll. 18 9
chwardens.		payd in at Castle Cary Visitation, 4th May,
1700.	,,	for redemption of ye slaves at Machan, p. 23 June
— Hooper and		coll. 1 1 6
Jo. Bengyfield,	,,	,, St. Mary Magd., Bermondsey, losse by fire,
chwardens.		£20,379 3 6, pub. 2 Feb.
		Beccles in Suffolk, £7634 9s., recd. Oct. 9, 1700, publ. 22 Feb.
1701.		
Mr. Richard and	Briefe	for Eli Cathedral publ. March 9th, and Cruckmeal;
Mr. Nicholas	,,	,, Hersmonden in Kent, publ. 28 Sept.
Watts.	,,	,, Robt. Bales, losse by fire £1135 08 03 ,, 8 Feb.
	,,	,, Rye ch. damage £1500 ,, 15 ,,
	,,	,, Chester Cathedral, damage £7000 ,, 22 ,,
	,,	,, Leominster Ch. losse by fire £14241 18 01
		publ. 5 March.
	,,	,, Bromley Ch. Stafford, damage £3000,
		publ. 22 March.
1702.		
Rbt. Hockey,	Briefe	Chepstow, Monmouth, dam. £4346, publ. 23 Aug.
H. March,	,,	Haddenham, Bucks, losse by fire £3715.
chwardens.	,,	St. Germans Ch., Yorke, dages £4000 publ. 2. [
	,,	Blaisdon, Glouc., losse by fire £4210.
	,,	Congleton, damage by fire £1620, publ. 13 Sept.
	,,	Rolleston, damage £1304 ,, 14 March,
	,,	Monkskerby Ch., damage £1497, publ. 24 Feb.
	,,	Lutterworth Ch. ,, £1528 ,, 17 Jan.
	,,	Shurgford, damage 1749 12 4, publ. 11 Apr. 1704.
1703.		
Jo. Willis,	,,	St. Giles Ch., Shrewsbury; damage £4462 18 06
chwarden.	,,	Twyford losse by fire, £2666 03 04
	,,	Will. Odel losse £1543
	,,	Will. Brompton losse £1536
	,,	Wapping ,, £13040
		s. d.
	,,	for ye distressed protestants, collected 07 00½
1704.		
Ro. Crosse and	,,	for ye distressed widowes, whose husbands were
Jo. Read,		lost in ye Hurricane, Great Massingham,
Chwardens.		losse £1400.
1705.		
Jo. Barns,	,,	Sam Allen's losse £1134 11 04.
Tho. Hooper,	,,	Ch. Minshull ,, £1380 11 08.
ch.	,,	John Bainton ,, £1000 s. d.
	,,	All Saints Ch. Oxon £4800, Iniskilling, coll. 3 8

	Briefe	Rich. Davis	,, £1131 and upwards. Benly Ch. damage £3500.
	,,	Bradmore	,, £2400 and upwards.
1706.			
Geo. White,	,,	Will Smith's losse by fire £554.	
Tho. Husse,	,,	Morgan's Lane in Southwark losse £2706.	
chwardens.	,,	Chatteris in ye isle of Ely ,, 1787.	
	,,	Basford Ch. £1482.	
	,,	Great Torrington, Devon, losse by fire £1600.	
	,,	Darlington Ch., Durham, damage £1705 and upwards, coll.	s. d. 1 9

225. CAPS. (V. xxxvii. 162).—The game described by your correspondent was played near fifty years ago at Milton Abbas School, Blandford, under the name of "Egg-hat." My recollection of the finale is, that the survivor of the cap-owners had the privilege of "corking" all the others, stood up in a row against the wall.

Query: the origin of this word "cork"? I have a recollection that in Warwickshire, in the "Forties," throwing was termed "cucking" by village children.

There was also at Blandford another play-ground diversion, which went by the name of "cork-about." This consisted simply in a mob of boys "corking" each other promiscuously with a couple of loose balls. The advantage of playing with more than one ball was that a boy in the act of stooping to pick up one, offered a supreme mark for the other. L.B.C.

226. DATE TABLET.—A week or two ago a date-tablet was found on the front of a house here. It had been hidden by ivy and forgotten. The material and mode of inscription seem uncommon. The tablet is of red pottery or terra cotta, too close and hard to be called brick. The inscription is J N E 1713. The E is above the other letters. They are of cursive shape, and the n may be w possibly. The inscription seems to have been cut into a die, probably of wood, which was used as a stamp on the tablet when wet. The pottery is of excellent quality, the letters and numbers standing out as sharp edged as the hour when they were impressed on the clay.

H. J. MOULE, Dorchester.

227. LOCAL NAMES OF BIRDS.—I find that the last part of the *Proceedings* of the Society of Antiquaries recently issued contains the information alluded to, and as it is of much local interest I quote the entire passage:

"THE SHERBORNE MISSAL . . . among the borders are . . . introduced a very pleasing set of birds, most of which have their names attached in English. Here are: a morecok, and a more or mour hen, a col mose (cole titmouse), a gay (jay), a stork, a waryhanger (shrike or butcher bird), a cay-finch, and a cay finch hen (popular ornithology informs us that the chaf-

finch is so called because it is addicted to chaff), a wop hen and a wop cok (bullfinch, in Dorsetshire still called a mwope), a cormorant, a larke, a ganett, a vivene cok, a vergandir (vare wigeon ?), a waysceter (wagtail), a tel (teal) cok, and a tel hen, a wodeskale (woodpecker), a scnite (snipe), a pohen, a qayle, a sparwe hen, a wrenne, a reddoke (Dorsetshire name for robin), a kyngysfystere, a morcoc (woodcock), a grene fynch, a fyne (fynch ?) hen, a throstil cok, a stare, a tayl mose (titmouse), a heyrun, a fesaunt hen, a bornet (brent goose ?), a linet, a wyld goos, a vueldvare (fieldfare), and a mew." (2nd. S., Vol. XVI., pp. 229-30).

T. N. BRUSHFIELD, M.D., Salterton, Devon.

228. CUTTING CALVES' EARS ON GOOD FRIDAY.—At South Perrott, Dorset, it is customary to cut the ears of calves in order to keep off a sickness which is called *The Evil.* The Farmer, or whoever is going to cut the ears, must first attend Church on Good Friday, and perform the operation immediately after, and before eating his dinner. It would be useless, if done without going to Church first or after his dinner. This piece of Dorset Folk-Lore in 1897 is worth preserving in *S. & D. N. & Q.* Does the custom prevail elsewhere ?

C. W. PENNY, Wokingham.

229. THE DIVINING ROD. (V. xxxvii. 196.)—In December, 1888, and the succeeding January, several letters appeared in the London *Standard* relating to the use of the Divining Rod for the discovery of water. In addition to the instances mentioned in the course of this correspondence, the following letter, written at the time to the *Standard*, but not inserted, as the discussion had been closed by the Editor, details the observations of the writer in cases which occurred on his own estate in Somerset. The letter runs as follows.—

North Perrott Manor,
January 2nd, 1889.

"Finding it necessary to sink a well on one of my farms, and hearing from my relative Sir William Wedderburn of Meredith, Gloucester, that a non-professional water-finder (a Cabinet-maker in Gloucester) had been very successful at Meredith, I felt inclined to employ him as "Water-finder," but heard he did not care to leave his business. I therefore wrote to Mr. John Mullins of Colerne, Wilts, and arranged with him to come here and use the "Divining Rod." I may here correct a slight inaccuracy in Mr. Price's letter,* as Mullins does not charge by results, but is paid a certain fee for his day's work whether successful or otherwise, and a moderate sum for travelling expenses.

* In *Standard* of 29th Dec., 1888, who stated that Mullins charged nothing unless successful. (Mr. W. P. Price, Tibberton Court, Gloucester.)

I found him a rather stout built, respectable looking man of 48 or 50, who affected no mysterious knowledge or mode of action, but treated the subject in a very common-place business-like way. The hazel twig, held as described in Mr. Price's letter, indicated water in several places; in one, the nearest and best situation for a well to the farm house in question, I asked him how soon he considered we should come to water; he thought it over before answering, and evidently was making a rough calculation as to the force with which the hazel twig had twisted in his hands. He then said he thought about 25 feet down we should find water. I subsequently had a well sunk there, by local men, and as for several days they went through apparently solid rock down to 25 feet without coming to water, I was rather discouraged at the close of the last day's work. Next day, however, I heard that, on going 6 inches deeper in the rock, the sinker drove his pick into a small crevice, from which so strong a stream burst in that he called out to his mate to draw him up at once, and before this was done he was 4 feet deep in water. I have to-day seen the Farmer, who reminded me that when the well was finished, and finally closed, the water was 23½ feet deep, (out of 25½ total depth of well). I should think it would hardly stand at that height continuously, especially through a dry summer; but, by the way, this well was sunk in the driest month of last spring (March) after the driest summer (1887) previously known for years. I subsequently sunk another well, still from Mullins' indication, at a higher point, and not far off from the well previously described, to supply the cottages in which the farm-house labourers live, and found water curiously enough at a much higher level, which gave 6 to 8 feet of water, and this the cottagers now use as a draw well with most satisfactory results. These trials for water were very fully described at the time in our local paper the "*Somerset County Mail.*" I may mention that Mullins, who was much pleased at the outcome of his day's work for me, mentioned that he had recently been at work for a whole day, without finding any indication of water. I enquired if he had ever used the hazel twig for metals. He replied only once, and did not seem to think any practical result was arrived at.

I find that one of my labourers has this power, whatever it is, or rather, that flowing water has this power over him. I say "flowing" water, for stagnant water has no effect upon the rod, it must be water percolating through strata, *i.e.* in motion, to affect it. It is an interesting subject, and if gentlemen, writing upon it, will give their names and addresses in full as Mr. Price has done, and as I do to this letter, it may influence scientists to consider the question with the view of evolving some practical theory of electricity, magnetism, or otherwise, as to how these curious results are arrived at. I offer none myself, in all such doubtful matters I think the wisest way is not to attempt an

imperfect explanation, but to await further investigation by competent persons. Yours faithfully,

H. W. HOSKINS."

The labourer mentioned by Mr. Hoskins is still in his employ, and recently exhibited before me his facility in the use of the rod. C. H. MAYO.

230. GIARE, AWDRY, RAYE.—Wanted information concerning the families of the following:—

JONATHAN GIARE, son of David, of Weymouth, gent., M.A. at Christ Church. Oxford, 5 Feb., 1635-6, aged 16. I know his history after he became Vicar of Chippenham, Wilts.

HENRY AWDRY, son of Thomas, of Taunton, pleb., M.A. at Merton College, Oxford, 10 Oct., 1634, aged 18.

JOHN RAYE, B.A. of Oxford, 1547-8, M.A. Supd. June, 1556, rector of Ilchester with free Chapel of Whitehall, 1554, and of Stocklinch, Ottery.

WILLIAM RAY, created D.C.L. of Oxford, 2 Aug., 1704.

ARTHUR SCHOMBERG, Seend, Melksham.

231. BATTLE OF BRUNANBURH AT BREANDUNE. (V. xxxvi. 151).—Many places have been chosen as the site of the battle of Brunanburh or Breandune. Mr. Pulman, in a most learned and painstaking way, proves it to have been fought near Kilmington and Warlington in Devon, but there is no clear evidence of the name Brunanburh or Breandune existing even in a disguised form in the locality. It seems far more reasonable to agree with Freeman and Green, that the battle was fought in the north of England, but there, also, the name is wanting. A place in Somerset well deserves some notice. Breandown, between Weston and Burnham, has the proper name, and there are also many traditions of battles fought in the neighbourhood; there also was the good old Roman landing place, at the mouth of the Somerset Axe, which led to the Mendip lead mines. In this part of Somerset the Saxon Kings spent much of their time, and the Danes seem to have been quite alive to the advantage of approaching this part of England by the sheltered way of the Severn sea. The name Breandown, the river Axe, and the traditions, altogether make the site a fitting rival of the place selected near the Devon Axe. C. BULLEID.

232. WOLSTAN. (V. xxxvii. 189).—Although not in Somerset or Dorset yet in the Mere (Wilts) parish books which is on the border of both these counties I find

1559	Wolstane ffoster.	All churchwardens of Mere.
1607	Wolston ffoster.	
1609	Wolston Illing.	
1614	Wolston ffoster.	
1640	Wolston Illing, jr.	Waywarden also overseer 1623 and 1635.

T. H. B.

233. There are two instances of this Christian name that I am acquainted with; the first is Wolstan West of Iwerne Minster, who must have been living at the end of the 16th century, as his daughter Margery married William Fry of Tarrant Gunville, who, according to an inquisition post mortem held after his death, died 25 Dec., 1614. See Hutchins' *History of Dorset* (3rd Edit.) III. 537.

The other instance occurs in an inquisition post mortem taken 25 August 11 Charles I. (1635) after the death of Richard Lanning, father of Margery, wife of Robert Fry, son of above-named William Fry. In it appears the name of Wolstan Redman, a tenant in Ewerne Minster.

I shall be glad of any information respecting Wolstan West, as to when he died, abstract of his will, &c., if "D" has any.

I would also suggest that "D" look through the printed calendars of wills proved at Blandford that have appeared in "Dorset Records," he might possibly find other instances of this Christian name.

172, Edmund St., Birmingham. E. A. FRY.

NOTICES OF BOOKS.

234. THE PARISH OF SELWORTHY. By Rev. F. Hancock, Rector; 1897. Taunton, Barnicott & Pearce.

8vo. pp. 308, with 9 illustrations and several tables of pedigrees, price 10/6.

This handsome and well got up book has just been published and we have much pleasure in congratulating the author upon furnishing us with a very valuable contribution to the much talked of "History of the County of Somerset"; indeed nothing would more help forward such a history than if some one in each parish would begin at once to collect materials for a history of that particular place. In this work Mr. Hancock discourses in a bright and lively manner about the Etymology, the Manors, the Church, its Chapels, and its Rectors, the Registers, Parish Accounts, Personal History, Folklore, Flora, and Exmoor Ponies; and on all these diverse subjects finds something interesting to say.

With regard to the Etymology of the name Selworthy it seems to us much more likely to be connected with the first syllable of Selwood Forest (*) than to come from a personal name as the author suggests.

The book is enriched with nine *good* illustrations. including two of the church, three of neighbouring ancient chapels, a portrait of Lady Harriet Acland, some of the rarer Flora, and the Holnicote Herd of Exmoor Ponies. Among the Rectors of Selworthy was the celebrated Henry Byam (Rector from 1617-

(*) Selwood according to Blackies' *Place Names* is from the Latin *Saltus* and *Sylva*: its ancient British name was *Cori-mawr*, the great wood.

1669), of whom Hamnet Ward, prebendary of Wells, the editor of Byam's sermons, speaks as "the most acute and eminent preacher of his time." Of the sermons extant, most were preached before Charles II during his exile. In one preached at Minehead in 1627 he denounces "the unspeakable Turk" in very vigorous language, for which we must refer the reader to Mr. Hancock's interesting book; and in taking leave of it, we express a wish that it may (unlike most antiquarian works) re-imburse the Author for the trouble and expense he has incurred. Σ.

235. THE GENEALOGICAL MAGAZINE. A Journal of Family History, Heraldry and Pedigrees. No. 1, May, 1897. London: Elliot Stock, 62 Paternoster Row. Pp. 64. Imp. 8vo. Price, 1s. monthly.

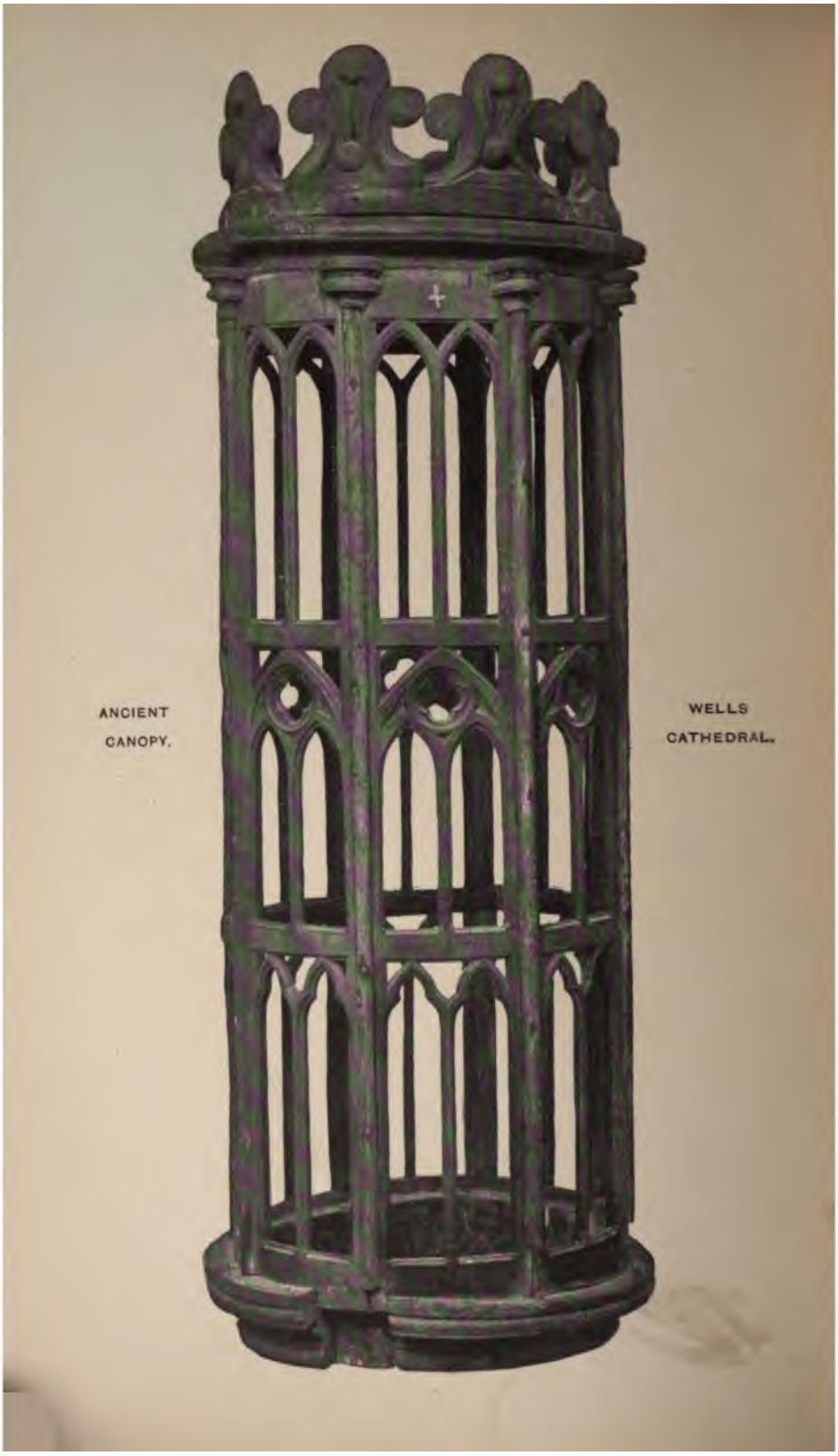
The first number of this well-printed Magazine has come into our hands. It is an attempt "to combine interesting illustrated family histories with the accurate and detailed evidences which are the real value of genealogical writing." In this aim, so far as we can judge from a single number, the Magazine proves fully successful. It contains several readable articles on "The Surrender of the Isle of Wight," Bradford's "History of Plymouth," "The Sobieski Stuarts," "Shakespeare's Family," and on other subjects, and we are glad to recommend it to the notice of our readers. Δ.

236. GLOUCESTERSHIRE PARISH REGISTERS, MARRIAGES. Edited by W. P. W. Phillimore, M.A,. B.C.L. Vol. I. London: Issued to the Subscribers by the Editor, 124, Chancery Lane, 1896. Pp. viii, 149. Demy 8vo.

Mr. Phillimore has commenced a form of publication of Parish Registers which promises to be of considerable use to the Genealogist. The plan adopted is to print the *Marriage* entries of each parish, omitting the Baptisms and Burials. In this manner the work of Register-printing is brought within moderate compass, and the greatest "desideratum" of the Genealogist is supplied.

We should have been glad to see printed the entire Register of a parish, and we hope the present plan will not interfere with the work of the Parish Register Society. There is, however, room for both attempts. Now that Mr. Phillimore has begun this work, we trust that he will receive the necessary support to enable him to make rapid progress with the County of Gloucester.

The first volume contains the marriages of eight parishes, viz., King's Stanley, Owlpen (remarkable for having been the scene of one marriage only during Her Majesty's reign), Quedgeley, Rendecombe, Swindon, Forthampton, Nimpsfield and Slimbridge, from their commencement to 1812, or in some cases even later. Δ.



ANCIENT CANOPY, WELLS CATHEDRAL.

237. Canopy at Wells Cathedral.—Among the relics at Wells Cathedral Church is a cylindrical oak canopy, 3 ft. 11 in height, 1 ft. $4\frac{1}{8}$ in breadth at the centre, 1 ft. $5\frac{3}{4}$ at the base.

It is divided into three tiers of pierced windows, of Early Decorated style, two lancets with circular head, uncusped. The bases to the tiers are moulded—iron hoops surround the woodwork; these bands have been painted, and some of the colour remains.

The tracery of the window work has been repaired in places in later and inferior work. At the top there is a crest of carved trefoil woodwork, in parts repaired.

From the interior at the top are three iron rods with hooks at the upper end so as to attach to a ring with swivel, which remains on one of the rods. These rods are not represented in the illustration.

It is a question whether this was a lantern, intended to hold a light of some kind within it—which was suspended from a beam—or a canopy over a pyx, or vessel containing the reserved Sacrament.

If the latter, it is of very early date, such as might have belonged to the Church of the 13th century.

It has been exhibited before the Society of Antiquaries, and a discussion on the subject may appear in the Report of their *Proceedings* for 1897.

In the meantime I submit it to the consideration of the readers of *S. & D. N. & Q.*

C. M. Church.

238. Fifehead Magdalen cum Cokerford.—Hutchins in his *History of Dorset* (3rd edit., IV. 56) states that this manor was part of the possessions of the Abbey of St. Augustine, Bristol, conferred on it by the founder, and he adds that Cokerford (by a clerical error spelt Crokerford) was a member of the manor, but was "not now known." Let us see if we can find it.

The founder of the Abbey was Robert Fitzharding, the great merchant of Bristol, who flourished in the reign of Hen. II., and was created by him Lord Berkeley of Berkeley Castle. He was one of the sons of Harding fitz Alnod, Master of the Horse to William the Conqueror, on whom William conferred the manors of Meriet and Lopen, and some other manors in Somerset. It seems doubtful whether Robert or his brother Nicholas was the eldest son of Alnod, but certainly Nicholas inherited Meriet and Lopen and was the ancestor of the De Meriet family. Robert's second son was also named Nicholas (no doubt after his uncle) and Smyth, in his *Lives of the Berkeleys*, says that his father gave him Cokerford as part of his portion, but the authority he quotes does not bear him out. Be that as it may, he

certainly was the owner. He married Ala, daughter and coheir of Guido or Wido son of Tecius Lord of Tickenham, Somerset, and in her right he acquired that manor and made it his home, from which circumstance he is sometimes styled 'Nicholas Dominus de Tykenham.' He died A.D. 1189, and the effigies in Tickenham Church are reputed to represent him and his son.

One of the many MS. treasures preserved at Berkeley Castle is the Cartulary of this Abbey of St. Augustine, generally called 'The Red Book,' which by special favour I have lately had an opportunity of examining. It contains several grants by Nicholas Fitz Robert Fitz Harding to the Abbey, and amongst them I was fortunate enough to discover a charter, without date, whereby he gave to the Abbey "his land of Cokerford at Yeovil" [Givela]. It runs thus:—fo. 37. "Nicholas filius Roberti omnibus amicis suis et hominibus ceteris que Christi fidelibus qui hanc cartam viderint et audierint. Salus.

Sciatis quod ego assensu Rogeris filii et heredis mei et Ale uxoris mei dedi et hac presente carta mei confirmavi canonicis ecclesie Sancti Augustini de Bristol pro salute anime mee et uxoris mee et liberorum et omnium parentium nostrorum totam terram meam de Cokerford apud Givelam in perpetuam et liberam elemosinam ut eam habeant et teneant in bosco et plano in acquis in molendinio in pratis et pasturis in viis et semitis et in omnibus aliis locis et aliis rebus ad eandem terram pertinentibus, Ita libere et quiete integre et honorifice quod de nullo servitio nec mihi nec heredibus meis inde respondeant nisi soli deo in oracionibus suis excepto tamen servitio domini regis quando evenerit. T., &c."

Following this is a confirmation of the gift by his feudal lord "John Mantravers, son of John Mantravers" who was Lord of the Ville of Givele in which Cokerford is situated. In 1219 the relative rights of the Church of Givele and the Lord of the Ville were in dispute between him and the parson, and a solemn verdict was delivered by a jury of Knights and Clerks declaratory of the liberties of the Church. One of the Knights was 'John de Cokerford' who, we may conclude, was a resident lessee. Fifehead, with its satellite Cokerford, continued in the hands of the Abbey until the dissolution of Monasteries, when it was appropriated by Henry the 8th as part of the endowment of the new Bishopric of Bristol, and was so held until the transfer of Episcopal Estates to the Ecclesiastical Commission. Following ancient usage probably, the manor of Fifehead was leased out by the Bishop with power for the lessee to grant certain parts as copyholds of the manor for lives, and Cokerford was divided into two tenements, and is so held at the present time. A few years ago the Commissioners sold the feesimple of Fifehead with Cokerford to the trustees of Lord Wimborne, and his son is the present owner of the reversion of the two tenements when they fall into hand.

Although called Cokerford on the Court Rolls, the place is generally known as Key or Keyford, and consists altogether of about twenty acres of land at the southern extremity of the parish of Yeovil, on the small stream which separates it from the parish of East Coker. The ford was on the old Roman Road leading to Dorchester.

There is no doubt therefore of the identity of the modern Cokerford or Keyford with the land given by Nicholas Fitzharding to the Canons of St. Augustine, and the devolution of it is traced without interruption from the reign of Henry the 2nd to the present time.

JOHN BATTEN.

239. QUAKERS IN DORSET AND SOMERSET. (V. xxxvii. 197, xxxviii. 214).

1703. William Ball, of Downing near Bristol, was prosecuted at Common Law for Tithes, at the suit of William Player, Renter of the Impropriation. [Arrested in September 1703, in an Action at Common Law for Forty Pounds: The Plantiff declar'd for £33 6s. 8d., although the real Value was not above £25 for five years Tithes of Hay and Corn. The Declaration set forth 90 acres of Meadow and 80 acres of Corn each Year, when the defendant had not in Possession the Sixth Part of that Quantity: Yet an Execution was obtain'd for £100 on Account of Treble Damages. By Virtue of which, on the 25th of the Month call'd May 1704, the Plaintiff's Lawyer and a Bayliff came and seized, and drove away 4 Cows and a Calf, 4 Oxen, and a Gelding, worth £40. And on the 11th of the Month called June following, came the Bayliff and drove away 9 Cows and 2 Oxen more, worth upwards of £40; In all to the Value of £80.]

1704. Samuel Clothier of Shipton-Mallett was prosecuted in the Exchequer for Tithes, at the suit of John Whitehand, Parson of that Parish. [After some time the Parson dropt his Suit in the Exchequer, and proceeded by Justices' Warrant, before whom he proved 5/- for Tithes.]

Robert Makers of Shipton-Mallett was prosecuted in the Exchequer, at the Suit of the aforesaid Parson John Whitehand. [The Parson, after some time, let fall his Suit in the Exchequer, being but for 8/- Tithe, and got a Warrant from the Justices, by which he took an Heifer worth £2 10/-]

John Hopkins of Ilchester was prosecuted in the Ecclesiastical Court for Three-Pence demanded for a Church-Rate (so called).

William Coate of Grinton was prosecuted in the Exchequer for Tithe, at the suit of Barbara Beavan, widow of the late Rector of that Parish. [The Demand was for 16 years Tithe of

15 Acres of Land, at 1/- *per* Acre; committed to Ilchester Goal in September 1705.]

John Hearn of Creech was prosecuted in the Exchequer for Tithes, at the Suit of Robert Bobbett and Reginald Taylor, Tithe-farmers, and committed to Prison.

William Tilly of Mudford was prosecuted in the Exchequer for Tithes of about £2 8/- value, at the Suit of Robert Alford.

1705. Richard Hipsley of Church-hill was prosecuted in the Exchequer for Tithes, at the Suit of John Cobb, Tithe-farmer under the Dean and Chapter of Bristol. [The demand was afterward taken by Justices' Warrant.]

James Wear was prosecuted and imprison'd for Tithes, at the suit of Richard Davis, Renter of the Impropriation of Clevedon.

Peter Priest of Trull was prosecuted in the Exchequer for Tithes, at the Suit of Smart Goodenough, Impropriator of Pitminster and Trull. [He was a Carrier from Taunton to London, and was sued for 4 Years Tithe, valued at about £4 *per annum*, upon a Commission of Enquiry; and prosecuted to a decree; for not paying the same with Costs, was proceeded against to a Sequestration, by which he had 14 Horses seized at their Inn in Stanes, worth £140, and the Innkeeper was obliged for their forth coming, before they were suffered to proceed on their Journey.]

Arthur Thomas, William Wilmot, Thomas Davis, John Whiting, and James Webb, all of the Parish of Yeaton, were prosecuted in the Exchequer for Tithes, at the Suit of Arthur Mattock of Wells, Impropriator. [The Value of Tithes claimed was, of Thomas about £3 14/-, of Wilmot about £5 8/-, of Davis about 18/-, of Whiting about 3/4, and of Webb about £9 10/-. The said Arthur Thomas was committed to Prison at Ilchester on the 21st of the Month call'd July 1705, and yet the Commission was sometime after return'd *Non est inventus*, in order to proceed to a Sequestration. Upon which a Motion being made against the said false Return, to stop Proceedings, it was not allow'd of, so that he was oblig'd to pay Costs of Suit, to be admitted to answer. And when he had set forth in his Answer, That there were no Tithes demandable from him by the said Mattock, the Plaintiff would not abide by the said Answer, but took out a Commission of Enquiry in order to proceed further, but did not execute it. Nevertheless, in the Month called July 1708, he revived his Bill against the said 4 persons above named. and added Lydia Thomas, Widow, Mother of the said Arthur Thomas, who was not in the former Bill, and proceeded afresh against them.]

1706. Edward Pole of Wivelscomb was prosecuted in the Exchequer for Tithes, at the Suit of Edward Burton, Priest.

[Arrested on an Attachment, but a few Hours after, the Bayliff discharg'd him, and distrain'd Two Fat Beasts of his, worth about £15.]

Francis Brain of Wivelscomb was prosecuted in the Exchequer for Tithes, at the Suit of the aforesaid Edward Burton, Priest. [For a demand of £4 5/9, for Tithes had taken from him 21 Sheep worth £11, and was a long time Prisoner.]

William Tilly of Mudford was prosecuted in the Common Pleas for Tithes, at the Suit of Jacob Gascoin, Tithe-farmer at Beerhacket in Devonshire. [For one years Tithes of an Estate of £10 *per annum*, Pasture Land, valued by the Prosecutor at 20/- (tho' the usual Rate formerly paid was but 10/- *per annum*) was arrested and committed to the County Goal on the 14th of the Month call'd February 1706. The Prosecutor obtain'd an Execution, by which the said Tilly had taken from him in the beginning of the Year 1708, 7 Milch Kine worth £26, for no more than £1 Original Demand.]

1707. Edward Watts of Taunton was prosecuted in the Ecclesiastical Court for Tithes, at the Suit of Thomas Hasel Impropriator, or Tithe-farmer. [For a Demand of about £3 for 2 years Tithes, was Excommunicated; but his Imprisonment was prevented by the Death of the Prosecutor.]

Arthur Gundry, Thomas Marnard, John Stower and Alice Gundry, were prosecuted in the Exchequer for Tithes, at the Suit of Timothy Redman, Parson of Street. [Attachments were issued against these Four, and the said Alice Gundry was taken up and committed to Ilchester Goal in October 1708, but was discharg'd by an Act of Grace in 1709, by which Act the Process against the other Three was also made void.]

1709. Robert Banton, John Bull and Robert Gee, of Long Sutton, were prosecuted in the Exchequer for Tithes, at the Suit of Christopher Westerdal. [Sued in the Exchequer, notwithstanding the Prosecutor Yearly proceeded against them by Justices' Warrant also.]

Edward Perris of Long-Sutton was prosecuted in the Exchequer for Tithes, at the Suit of the said Christopher Westerdale. [Imprison'd on an Attachment,]

John Gillett and Gabriel Richards of Long-Sutton were prosecuted in the Exchequer.

Arthur Gundry, Thomas Marnard, John Stower, Alice Gundry Widow, James Clothier, Edward Stower, and Jonathan Tucker, were prosecuted in the Exchequer at the Suit of Timothy Redman, Parson of Street. [John and Edward Stower died soon after the Prosecution began: Attachments were issued against the other Five, three of whom, viz.:—Arthur Gundry, James Clothier

and Thomas Marnard, were taken up and committed to Prison: The Demand on Clothier was £20 6/3, for 25 Years Tithes, and on Arthur Gundry £3 13/3, for 10 Years Tithe, and 10/- for a Mortuary on the Death of his Aunt.]

Arthur Thomas and William Wilmott, of the Parish of Yeaton, were prosecuted in the Ecclesiastical Court, at the Suit of Arthur Mattocks, Priest and Impropriator. [Excommunicated and committed to Ilchester Goal on a Writ *de Excommunicato capiendo*, and continued a Prisoner till the Month called June 1714.]

1710. Marmaduke Coat, Edith Place and Samuel Brookman, were prosecuted in the Exchequer, at the Suit of Parson French of Ilminster.

Edward Hopkins was prosecuted in the Exchequer for Tithes, at the Suit of Samuel Broadmead, Parson of Pawlett near Bridgewater.

John Peddle of Muchelny was prosecuted in the Exchequer for Tithes of about £4 Value, at the Suit of Joseph Browning Tithe-farmer, [Was Prisoner a considerable Time.]

1711. Francis Braine of Wivelscomb was prosecuted in the Exchequer for a Demand of about £5 for small Tithes, at the Suit of Edward Burton, Priest. [Committed to Ilchester Goal on the 20th of the Month called April 1712, and died a Prisoner some Years after.]

Edward Pole of Wivelscomb was prosecuted in the Exchequer for Tithes, at the Suit of the said Parson Burton.

ARTHUR SCHOMBERG.

(*To be continued.*)

240. THE BATTLE OF BRUNANBURH (A.D. 938). (V. xxxvi. 151, xxxviii. 231).—It may be collected that a confederacy had been formed against Athelstan (who had obtained possession of Northumbria) consisting of Anlaf (son-in-law of the King of Scotland) King of a colony of Danes at Dublin, five petty kings of the Cymri of North Wales, the Britons of Strathclyde and Reged and Cumbria (then ruled by a Scotch prince), the King Constantine of Scotland, and the Northmen of Norway and Denmark, Danes of the continent next the German Ocean, and of East Anglia.

Palgrave and Miller both say that *Anlaf* sailed into the mouth of the Humber; but it is improbable that he would have taken his fleet all round the north of Scotland to the Humber; but more probable that he alone crossed the Irish sea from Dublin to the Dee, or Mersey, or Ribble, and there joining the other confederates of Wales, &c., he, with them, marched to join Constantine and the rest of the confederates, whose fleet alone had entered the mouth of the Humber. This agrees with William of Malmsbury, who would be likely to know the traditions of the

west side of the island, and who said the invading force came far inland. There would be plenty of (Roman) roads from Chester, Warrington and Wilderspool, and Ribchester, by which he could march to join his confederates, (and also retreat). It is most probable that the Scotch army from the ships landed at Brough, where there is a direct Roman road (via Weighton) to York, which was their probable ultimate destination. The invaders were opposed by Athelstan's lieutenants Gudrek and Alfgeirr, and Gudrek was killed; and the invading force then marched on towards York; but it was purposely delayed and remained stationary by some negotiations of Athelstan, and probably remained encamped at or near Brunanburh.

In the meantime Athelstan was marching through Lincolnshire, but, for a purpose which has been related, chose to visit Beverley and for this purpose he probably crossed the Humber at Barton to Hessle, on the direct road to Beverley; and this crossing would be no doubt out of the sight of the invaders ships at Brough. Having performed his wish at Beverley, he turned his march towards York, or at any rate towards the spot where he knew the confederates were encamped, and in due time reached their locality.

I have said that the invaders were on their road to York, *via* Weighton; and it appears by the map of Yorkshire that beyond Weighton, between Londesborough and Pocklington (and close to the railway) there is a place named 'Burnby' and there are also roads from Beverley to Weighton and Londesborough and Burnby, continuing onwards to York. Somewhere here, then, I suppose Anlaf and the invaders to be encamped when Athelstan reached them and pitched his own camp; and that what is related about Anlaf's visit to Athelstan's camp took place, and where the battle followed the next morning and lasted all day. On the supposition that Anlaf and his Irish Danes, with the Welshmen and Cumbrians, arrived at this spot from the *West* coast, where they had left their ships, it is probable that they would *retreat* by the same or a similar route to their ships where they had left them; while Constantine and his Scotsmen and Northmen would retreat to their ships left in the Humber. It would appear from the Saxon Chronicle that the King of Norway and the Scotch King Constantine, with a small host, escaped on the felon flood, implying the river Humber, which they had entered. But Anlaf and a dismal remnant of his Danes sailed in their nailed ships on the roaring sea over deep water back to Dublin; (the Chronicle being written perhaps by one of the Monks of Croyland;) while the 'Dane's Pad' and other well-known routes seem to keep alive the retreat of Anlaf to the western shore on his way back to his ships. Such a battle as this, with such enormous forces, lasting so many hours, and the retreat of the fugitives, would naturally extend over a very large expanse of country. It might extend

from Londesborough to Weighton and beyond; and in fact the retreat and slaughter would extend all round the district back to Brough. And as the battle of Waterloo has received different names from different circumstances relating to it, so this great historic battle of Brunanburg, or burh, or dune, or werc, or ford, or feld, may have obtained different names from different persons according to the different situations or circumstances which they experienced with regard to it, and who afterwards, when Monks of Croyland, related their experiences of this memorable day.

There remains the name Weondune for remark. Now I have said that Burnby is near Weighton. This name may have undergone the following changes: Weondune, Weonton, Weoton, Weighton. And another name found on the map, Nunburn-ham may be noted. Is there any river Brune or Burn in this locality?

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241. FOREST PLEAS, SOMERSET. SELWOOD. *Continued.* (V. xxxvii. 169, xxxviii. 217).

M. 11. *Venacio de Sele Wode.*

Presentatum est per forestarium et Johannem le Rus (xx s.) Henricum de Monteforti (di.' marcae) et Johannem de Upton (di.' marcae) viridarios quod die sabbathi proxima post festum Sancti Gregorii anno xxxj° quidam damus inventus fuit mortuus in bosco de Penne. Inquisitio inde facta fuit per villatas de Culmeton (di.' marcae) Cherleton (di.' marcae) Bitewode (iiij^{or} s.) et Briweham (di.' marcae) que dicunt quod dictus damus mortuus fuit morina et nichil aliud inde inquirere potuerunt et quia dicte villate non venerunt plenarie &c. Ideo in misericordia.

Presentatum est per eosdem et convictum quod Radulphus le Brode et Rogerus le Blowere ceperunt vnum damum in foresta et prius capti fuerunt pro eodem, tempore Nicholai de Punsoude tunc vicecomitis, et imprisonati et per breve domini regis traditi per ballivum. Et Radulphus mortuus est et fuit essonium de morte primo die. Ideo nichil de plegiis suis. Et Willielmus Turtrich (ij s.) Walterus filius Galfridi de Bitewode (ij s.). Ricardus de eadem (ij s.) Warinus de Bitewode (ij s.) Robertus Bitewode (mortuus) et Walterus le Pur (xij d.) de Cherleton plegii Rogeri le Blowere in misericordia quia non habuerunt dictum Rogerum coram Justiciariis &c. sicut plegiatum. Et preceptum est vicecomiti quod venire faciat dictum Rogerum coram Justiciariis &c. de die in diem et nisi venerit exigetur et utlagatur.

Presentatum est per eosdem et convictum quod Johannes le Sauueg' et Ricardus De Profundis sunt malefactores de venacione in foresta. Et prius capti fuerunt et traditi per ballivum, et Johannes le Sauuag' mortuus est et non fuit essonium de morte. Ideo Adam de Barewe (ij s.) Willielmus de Lupyate (mortuus)

Willielmus Geruays (xij d.) Willielmus de Postlebur' (xij d.) et tota villata de Postlebur' (di.' marcae) in misericordia quia non habuerunt ipsum Johannem coram Justiciariis sicut manuceperunt; et Ricardus venit et detentus est in prisona. Et quia optulit se prima die, ideo plegii sui quieti. Et quia villate de Smethewyk (i marca) Culmeton (alibi) Clafford (di.' marcae) et Yernefeud (di.' marcae) non venit plenarie &c. ideo in misericordia. Postea dictus Ricardus venit et finem fecit per xx s. per plegiam Willielmi de Postlebur' et Adam le Bule de Trottukeshull'.

Presentatum est per eosdem et convictum quod Robertus Bubbe est malefactor de venacione in foresta, et modo venit et detentus est in prisona. Et quia villate de Trottukeshull (di.' marcae) Clatford (alibi) Merston (di.' marcae) et Frome (x s.) non venit plenarie &c. Ideo in misericordia. Postea venit Robertus Bubbe et finem fecit per x s. per plegiam Willielmi Leggegod et Walteri Edmund' de Penne.

Presentatum est per Willielmi de Plesset' forestarium de feodo et viridarios predictos quod in vigilia sancti Michaelis anno xxxv° quidam damus captus fuit in foresta. Inquisitio inde facta fuit per quatuor villatas propinquiores, scilicit Culmeton (alibi) Penne (di.' marcae) Cherleton (alibi) and Claford (alibi) que dicunt quod Vincentius Snel Walterus Prigge, Walterus Cute de Sterton, Rogarus le Gadhurde de Bradelegh, Johannes de Wynton parmentarius* Johannes Galun, Willielmus Gauffray, Rogerus Forestarius de Comitatu Wyltes', Johannes Sourdi de Horningesham, Edwardus Malle de eadem, Robertus Coby de eadem, Johannes Horicok de eadem et Johannes Shep' de eadem ceperunt dictum damum; non venerunt nec fuerunt attachiati quod non fuerunt inventi preter Vincentium Snel et Willielmum Gaufray, qui venerunt primo die et detenti sunt in prisona. Et prius capti fuerunt et imprisonati et per breve G. de Langel' traditi per ballivum, et quia optulerunt se primo die Ideo nichil de plegiis suis. Et mandatum est vicecomiti Wyltes' quod faciat venire coram Justiciariis &c. apud Shireburn in crastino Ascensionis Domini predictos Walterum Walterum Rogerum Johannem Johannem Willielmum Rogerum Johannem Edwardum Robertum Robertum Johannem et Johannem et nisi venerint exigentur et vtlagantur. Et quia villate non venerunt plenarie &c. Ideo in misericordia. Et postea venit Vincencius Snel et finem fecit per dimidiam marcae per plegiam Hugonis Bygod et Willielmi Leggegode. Et quia vicecomes Sumersete deliberavit a prisona dictum Willielmum Gaufray sine waranto Ideo ad judicium de eo. Et mandatum est vicecomiti Wyltes quod cep....ipsius† vicecomitis in manum domini regis donec satisfaceret domino regi de predicta transgressione. Postea Willielmus finivit per dimidiam marcae per plegiam Henrici Cute Roberti Culur et Roberti Kete.

Presentatum est per eosdem et convictum quod die sancte

* A tailor. † Parchment torn.

Luce Evangeliste anno xxxvj° duo mastivi ceperunt vnum damum in foresta. Inquisitio inde facta fuit per quatuor villatas propinquiores scilicet Nortb[re]w (x s.) Sutbriw (alibi) Cherleton (alibi) and Bitewode (alibi) que dicunt quod dicti duo mastivi ceperunt dictum damum sed nesciunt cujus erunt nec aliquid aliud inquirere potuerunt. Et quia villata non venerunt plenarie &c. Ideo in misericordia.

Presentatum est per eosdem et convictum quod dies Apostolorum Simonis et Jude Anno xxxvij° malefactores intraverunt dicta foresta et ibidem ceperunt vnum damum et vnam damam. Inquisitio inde facta fuit per villatas de Culmeton (alibi) Suthbrew (alibi) [Nort]brew (alibi) et Penne (alibi) que dicunt quod Robertus de Wlmereston Henricus de Campo Florido et Henricus de Seoutre ceperunt dictum damum et damam. Robertus et Henricus venerunt et detenti sunt in prisona et..fuerunt prisonati et per breve domini E. de Bosco tunc Justiciarium foreste et traditi per ballivum et optulerunt se primo die, ideo nichil de plegiis suis. Henricus de Seoutre non venit nec fuit attachiatus quod non fuit inventus Ideo exigetur et vtlagatur. Et quia villate non venerunt plenarie &c. Ideo in misericordia. Et Robertus quietus recessit quia tunc prepositus fuit curii domini Galfridi de Langebr.... Postea venit Henricus de Campo Florido et finem fecit per V. marcas per plegium Rogeri Luuel et Illarii de Campo Florido.

Presentatum est per eosdem et convictum quod die veneris proxima ante festum Sancte Crucis anno eodem Henricus de Campo Florido, Johannes le....lp qui mortuus est et essoniatus de morte, Gilbertus de Wlmereston Galfridus Faber de.... Willielmus Russell Radulphus frater ejusdem, Willielmus et Stephanus de Herdewyk ceperunt vnum P..rdum in eadem foresta. Henricus de Campo Florido et Stephanus de Herdewyk venerunt et detenti sunt in prisona. Gilbertus de Wlmereston Galfridus Faber Willielmus Russell Radulphus frater ejus non venerunt nec fuerunt attachiati quia non fuerunt inventi. Ideo [preceptum est] vicecomiti quod faciat eos venire de die in diem. Postea venerunt Willielmus Russell et Radulphus et detenti sunt in prisona. Postea venit Stephanus et finivit per dimidiam marcae per plegium Roberti Honi de Briwham et Walteri Lung de eodem. Postea Willielmus finivit per dimidiam marcae per plegium Rogeri le Fatte de eadem et Roberti de Horsleg' de eadem. Et ...di.' marc' per plegium Rogeri De.... de eadem et Rogeri de Cruce de eadem. Henricus de Campo Florido fuit alibi..... Dictus Gilbertus venit et finivit per j marcam per plegium Ade de Kary et Henrici de Campo Florido. Et Galfridus Faber non venit ideo exigetur et vtlagatur. Postea venit dictus Galfridus et detentus est in prisona. Postea finivit per j marcam per plegium Willielmi Carwile et Arnaldi (?) de Rocheford. De Galfrido de Wlmereston per receptamentum Roberti fratris sui et.....xl s. per plegium Roberti de Cokere et.... filii Nicholai de Perton.

(*To be continued.*) E. M. THOMPSON.

242. BRIEFS RELATING TO SOMERSET AND DORSET, sent to S. Laurence, Reading, Berks (from Kerry's History of the Church.)

1695. Mar. 15, Fire at Gillingham, Dorset. Loss £3900. Collected 12s. 6d.
1708. August, Fire at Wincanton, Somerset. Loss £2930. Collected 11s. 0d.
1712-13. Mar. 15, For Pensford Church, Somerset. Damage £2742—9s. 6d.
1714. Aug. 2 For fire in Blandford Forum. Loss £7880—£1 11s. 4d.
,, Aug. 15, For two fires in Dorchester, Dorset. Loss £2537—14s. 2d.
1717. Nov. 30, Fire at Frampton, Dorset. (£1560) 12s. 0d.
1725. May 23, Fire at East Morden, Dorset. 11s. 0d.
1731-32. Feb. 6. Sufferers by fire in Shirminster Newton Castle, Dorset—10s. 9d.
1732. Oct. 22, For sufferers by fire at Blandford. £2 10s. 9d.
1733. Whitefield, Somerset. 8s. 9½d.

It will be seen that all the above relate to fires. The S. Laurence Registers show that collections were also made for repairs to churches, damage caused by flood, French Refugees (1699), seamen's widows on account of storm of Nov., 1703, etc., etc.

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243. THE SYDENHAM AND DYKE APPARITION STORY.—From "Pneumatologia, a Treatise of the Soul of Man, by John Flavel, Minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, late of Dartmouth. London, 1685." pp. 264-5.

"Much to the same purpose is that so famous and well attested story of the apparition of Major *George Sydenham* to Captain *William Dyke*, both of *Somersetshire*, attested by the worthy and learned *Dr. Thomas Dyke*, a near kinsman of the Captain's, and by *Mr Douch*, to whom both the *Major* and *Captain* were intimately known. The summ is this, The *Major* and *Captain* had many disputes about the Being of a God, and the immortality of the Soul, in which points they could never be resolved, though they much sought for and desired it, and therefore it was at last fully agreed betwixt them, that he that died first, should the third night after his Funeral, come betwixt the hours of twelve and one, to the little house in the Garden adjoining to *Major Sydenham's* house at *Dulverton* in *Somersetshire*. The *Major* died first, and the Captain happened to lie that very night which was appointed, in the same chamber and bed with Dr. *Dyke*; he acquainted the *Doctor* with the appointment, and his resolution to attend the place and hour that Night, for which purpose he had

got the key of that Garden. The *Doctor* could by no means divert his purpose, but when the hour came he was upon the place, where he waited two hours and an half, neither seeing, nor hearing any thing more than usual. About six weeks after, the Captain and *Doctor* went to *Eaton*, and lay again in the same Inn, but not the same chamber as before at *Dulverton*.

The morning before they went thence, the Captain stayed longer than was usual in his Chamber, and at length came in to the *Doctor's* Chamber, but in a Visage and form much differing from himself; with his hair and eyes staring, and his whole body shaking aud trembling: whereat the *Doctor* wondering, demanded, what is the matter, Cousin Captain? The Captain replies, I have seen my Major: at which the Doctor seeming to smile, the Captain said, if ever I saw him in my life, I saw him but now: adding as followeth, This Morning (said he) after it was light, some one came to my Bed side, and sudainly drawing back the Curtains, calls *Cap, Cap*, (which was the term of familiarity that the *Major* used to call the *Captain* by) to whom I replied, What, my Major? To which he returns, I could not come at the time appointed, but I am now come to tell you, *That there is a God, and a very just and terrible one, and if you do not turn over a new leaf, you will find it so.* This stuck close to him, little Meat would go down with him at Dinner, though an handsome Treat was provided; these words were sounding in his ears frequently, during the remainder of his life; he was never shy or scrupulous to relate it to any that asked him concerning it, nor ever mentioned it but with horrour, and trepidation: they were both men of a brisk humour and jolly Conversation; of very quick and keen parts, having been both *University* and *Inns-of-Court* Gentlemen."

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244. Will of William Leversegge of Valleis, Frome Selwood, esq., 20th Feb., 24th Elizth. Probate granted 26th June, 1582, to Edmund Leversegge son and executor. [No. 27 Tirwhite.]

Body to be buried in Lady Chappell in parish church of Frome where myne ancestors have been buried. To Poor of Frome 40s. To wife Grace, use of chamber where I nowe lye with ymplements and furniture thereof wholye with moytie of all goods movable or unmovable, To six younger sons £40 yearly to be paid by their elder brother according to articles between said William, Grace and son Edmund, also £100 each to six younger sons. To two daughters such annuities as are directed in said Articles with £200 each at expiration of said annuities. To Henry Leversegge my brother £5. To Walter Barnes my servant 40s. To Walter Cole my cooke £5. To Rich. Adams, my servant 20s. To Thos. Cockes, my servant 20s. To Agnes Burges, my old woman 40s. To rest of servants 10s. each. To Arthur Leversegge, my son, my black geldinge. To Roger

Leversegge, my son, my baye geldinge. To Anne Horner my god-child, a jewel of gold or 20s. to buy one. To Dorothie Passei my god-daughter a heiffer, to other god-children 5s. My tenement in Eyforde, Frome, called Maggesons and all pertaining bought of Thos. Twynyhoo, gent. to Arthur Leversegge my second son. Rest and residue to Edmund Leversegge son and heir and sole executor. Arthur Hopton, Thomas Horner and Roger Newborough, esqs. to be overseers of will and to have 20s. each.

Witnesses John Stowreton, Arthur Hopton, Thomas Horner, Richard Pickeringe, John Dodwell.

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245. DORSET ADMINISTRATIONS.—*Continued.*—(II. ix. 10, x.49, xi. 78, xii.113, xiii. 150, xiv. 178, xv. 217, xvi. 242, III. xvii. 8, xviii. 57, xix. 94, xx. 151, xxi. 183, xxii. 233, xxiii. 279, xxiv. 323, IV. xxv. 11, xxvi. 38, xxvii. 77, xxviii. 123, xxix. 173, xxx. 209, xxxi. 251, xxxii. 298, V. xxxiii. 11, xxxiv. 46, xxxv. 87, xxxvi. 127, xxxvii. 168, xxxviii. 213).

1685.

Folio.	Name of Deceased.	Parish.	Grantee and Relationship to deceased.	Date of Administration.
125	Anthony, Michael	Sutton Pointz Preston	Patience, relict	30 Sept., 1685
132	Baker, John	Puddletowne died in ship "John and Mary"	Ann, relict	31 Oct., 1685
33	Baskett, Richard	Chislebourne	Urith, relict	18 Mch., 1685
33	Beere, William	Childeock	Robert and John, brothers ; Elizabeth, relict, renouncing	29 Mch., 1685
33	Browne, George, bach.	Frampton	Thomas Gundry, arm, brother (mother's side)	9 Mch., 1685
19	Chase, John	Wambrook	Margaret, relict	13 Feb., 1685
5	Dewy, Richard, bach.	Poole died abroad	Mary, sister, spr.	19 Jan., 1685
63	Earle, John	Caundle Bishop	Thomas, brother ; Ann, relict, renouncing. Further grant, Oct., 1686	2 May, 1685
153	Furber, Edward	Foston, Charminster	Ellis Furber, uncle of Francis, Edward, Elizabeth and Mary, children	17 Nov., 1685
3	Hall, William	Sherborne, died at Bridgwater, Somt.	Judith Baker al's Hall, sister. Letters of May, 1671, revoked	24 Jan., 1685
5	Hollway, Honor, spr.	Broadsidling	Honor, mother	2 Jan., 1685
81	Jackson, James	Mooreton	Rose, relict. Further grant Nov., 1707	4 June, 1685
19	Jeanes, Giles	WeekeOliver, Preston	Frances, relict	20 Feb., 1685

Folio.	Name of Deceased.	Parish.	Genuine and Relationship to deceased.	Date of Administration.
111	Mansell, Thomas	Sherborne	Thomas, son; Honor, relict, not having fully administered. Previous grant Nov., 1676	5 Aug., 1685
82	Mayo, Ellen	"Senling" Co. Dorset	John, husband	2 June, 1685
	Radford al's Strangewayes	see Strangewayes		
34	Radford, Thomas, bach.	Dewlish	Thomas Gundry, arm, father of Thomas, John, Elizabeth, Rachael, Radford and Grace Gundry, nephews and nieces (sister's side). Previous grants Jan., 1682, and Oct., 1683	16 Mch., 1685
34	Shire, James, bach.	Lyme Regis	John Way, attorney of Philip, father	26 Mch., 1685
82	Solme, Edward, bach.	Gillingham, died in London	Margaret, mother	27 June, 1685
96	Strangewayes al's Radford, Elizabeth	Stinsford	Thomas Gundry, arm, father of Thomas, John, Elizabeth, Rachael, Radford and Grace Gundry, nephews and nieces (sister's side). Wadham Strangewayes, husband of deceased, not having fully administered. Previous grant Oct., 1683	20 July, 1685
47	Trym, Richard	Wimborne Minster died at Poole	Agnes, relict	8 Apl., 1685
133	Vuedall, Elizabeth, wid.	Horton	Elizabeth, wife of Edward Ettrieke, niece (sister's side)	6 Oct., 1685
171	White, Charles	Sturminster died at St. Clements Danes, Mdx.	Winifred, relict	17 Dec., 1685
64	Willes, Thomas, bach.	Broadwinsor	John, brother	2 May, 1685
47	Williams, John, bach.	Sherborne	Alexander, brother	4 Apl., 1685
133	Witt, John	Purbeck died in ship "John and Mary"	Edmund Bugden, principal creditor; Ann, relict, renouncing	31 Oct., 1685
			1686.	
187	Baker, Ursula, widow	Church Knowle	Daniel Baker, grandfather and guardian of Susan, daughter	14 Dec., 1686
151	Carent, Edmund	Gillingham	William, son; Mary, relict, not having fully administered. Previous grant, Dec., 1681	30 Oct., 1686
76	Churched, Thomas	Poole died abroad	Ann, relict	22 May, 1686

Folio.	Name of Deceased.	Parish.	Grantee and Relationship to deceased.	Date of Administration.
154	Earle, John	Caundle Bishop	Christopher Hellier, grandfather and guardian of Mary, only child; Anne, relict, renouncing. Previous grant, May, 1685	19 Oct., 1686
76	Edward, William	Okeford Fitzpaine	Edward, son; Elizabeth, relict, renouncing	4 May, 1686
151	Ellis, William	Bridport died in Guinea	Mary, widow, mother	16 Oct., 1686
3	Emblin, Margaret, spr.	Sherborne	Joane, wife of Reynold Pond, aunt (father's side) and next of kin	4 Jan., 1686
151	Green, John, bach.	NetherCompton died in City of Lincoln	Hugh, brother	2 Oct., 1686
56	Harris, Nathaniel	Ryme Intrinsica	James Somer	14 Apl., 1686
61	Jeffryes, William	Gillingham	Elizabeth, wife of Benjamin Perrin, daughter	21 Apl., 1686
101	Lewys, William, ar.	StockGaylard	Anne, relict	23 July, 1686
168	Newman, William	Dewlish	Elizabeth, relict	3 Nov., 1686
61	Paull, Joseph	Netherhay, Broadwinsor	Joane, relict	26 Apl., 1686
22	Rapson, Thomas	Sherborne	Ruth, relict	1 Feb., 1686
168	Serjant, Richard	Sherborne	Benjamin, brother	16 Nov., 1686
77	Spencer, Henry	Bridport	Mary, relict	11 May, 1686

1687.

	Ancksill al's Bird	see Bird		
7	Beethell, Ellis, gen.	Wimborne Minster	Mary, relict	12 Jan., 1687
7	Bird al's Ancksill, Joanna	Sturminster Newton Castle	William Bird, husband	13 Jan., 1687
188	Clavell, Roger	Steeple, Purbeck	Ruth, relict	14 Dec., 1687
173	Garrett, Mary, spr.	Shaston St. Peter	Mary, wife of Richard Cave, niece (sister's side)	19 Nov., 1687
28	Gasse, John	Chetnole, Yetminster	Mellier, relict	5 Feb., 1687
7	Hayward, Benjamin	Charmouth	Mary, relict	4 Jan., 1687
107	King, Stephen	Poole	Mary, relict	23 July, 1687
28	Knapton, Thomas	Dorchester	Thomas, son	8 Feb., 1687
7	Long, Susan	Athelhampton	James, ar., husband	4 Jan., 1687
188	Oliver, William, bach.	Blanford Forum	Joane, relict	1 Dec., 1687
99	Phipard, Peter	Poole	Joane, relict	8 June, 1687
108	Pierce, Richard	East Holme	Mary, relict	30 July, 1687
174	Rapson, Ruth, wid.	Sherborne	Thomas, son	22 Nov., 1687
59	Riccard, Andrew	Portesham	Beatrice, relict	1 Apl., 1687
136	Symmes, Justinian, bach.	South Pooreton	Thomas Larcombe, husband of Elizabeth, sister of deceased, during her minority	16 Sep., 1687

Folio.	Name of Deceased.	Parish.	Grantee and Relationship to deceased.	Date of Administration.
78	Webb, William, bach.	died on ship "The Dartmouth"	John Davis, attorney of Elizabeth Webb, of Lyme, Dorset, mother	6 Mch., 1687
		1688.		
71	Allen, Robert	Weymouth	Margaret, relict	8 May, 1688
131	Barnes, John	Corfe Castle died abroad	Ann, relict	1 Aug., 1688
90	Bartlett, John	Frampton	Elizabeth, relict	11 June, 1688
114	Bellett, Henry	Wyke Regis died in Jamaica	Margaret, relict	8 July, 1688
53	Bryer, William, bach.	Weymouth died abroad	"Nengan" Masters, principal creditor	5 Apl., 1688
113	Burge, John, widr.	Marnhull	Mary, wife of Robert Young, grandmother and guardian of John and Thomas, children of deceased	7 July, 1688
54	Casway, Nathaniel, bach.	Weymouth died in ship "Laurell"	Sarah, widow, mother	2 Apl., 1688
56	Churchill, Winston, miles	Minterne died at Whitehall, Co. Middlesex	Dame Elizabeth, relict. Letters declared void and will proved July, 1688	24 Apl., 1688
167	Coad, John	Lyme Regis	Frances, relict	15 Oct., 1688
71	Davis, John	West Parley	Ann, relict	4 May, 1688
158	Efford, Nicholas	Poole	William Seager, of Fordington. clothier	23 Oct., 1688
54	Fitzjames, Thomas	Handley	Mary, relict	7 Apl., 1688
54	Ghiles, Herbert, bach.	Old Winsor died at Poole	Elizabeth, wife of William Adkins, sister	26 Apl., 1688
54	Goodwin, John	Lyme Regis	John, nephew, (brother's side)	7 Apl., 1688
131	Pelley, Henry	Poole	Anne, relict	21 Aug., 1688
131	Selby, Thomas	Pimperne	Robert Hill, guardian of Thomas and Eleanor, children of deceased	3 Aug., 1688
54	Spence, John	Poole died in the East Indies	Elizabeth, relict	12 Apl., 1688
168	Strong, George	Melcombe Regis	John Strong, uncle and guardian of Catherine, Eleanor and Sarah, children of deceased	20 Oct., 1688
		1689.		
213	Bagwell, William	Chardstock	Joan, relict, and John, son	24 Dec., 1689
166	Bird, William	Poole	Ann, relict	7 Oct., 1689
24	Bludworth, John	Pideletrenthide	Elizabeth, relict	22 Feb., 1689
71	Bowden, Sarah, widow	Frampton	Thomas Meech and John Light, guardians of John Bowden, son of deceased	27 May, 1689
24	Brine, Thomas	Sherborne	Eleanor, relict	20 Feb., 1689

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148	Boyland, Thomas	Lychett Minster	Eve, relict	7 Sep., 1689
166	Byles, Ambrose	Milton Abbey	Frances Coward, grandmother and guardian of Joseph Byles, son of deceased	23 Oct., 1689
38	Combe, Robert	Pulham	Elizabeth, relict	20 Mch., 1689
99	Devenish, Francis	Gillingham	Henry, son; Ann, relict, and Francis, eldest son, renouncing	12 June, 1689
38	Goulden, Thomas	Sherborne	Mary, relict	4 Mch., 1689
148	Hansford, Margery, widow	Gillingham	Nicholas Taylor, nephew, sister's side	14 Sep., 1689
114	Holman, Arthur	Weymouth	Samuel, son	27 July, 1689
166	Long, James	Athelhampton	Thomas Sherman, principal creditor; Mary, relict, renouncing	22 Oct., 1689
183	Matthews, William	Shaftesbury died at St. Gerards Hall, St. Mildreds Bread Street, London	Mary, wife of Maurice Slade, relict	2 Nov., 1689
213	Napier, Gerard, ar.	Woodsford died in St. Clements Danes, Mdx.	Nathaniel, knt and bart, father. Further grant July, 1709	10 Dec., 1689
183	Pike, Christopher	Hide, Bere Regis	Ann, relict	7 Nov., 1689
148	Salsbury, William	Evershott	John, brother	23 Sep., 1689
71	Sheers, Richard	Minehead, "Co. Dorset"	Ann, relict	18 May, 1689
166	Strong, Henry	Poole	Christian, relict	8 Oct., 1689
148	Stroud, John, bach.	"Channington" died in St. Martins in the Fields Middlesex	Sarah, wife of Hugh Chudleigh, sister	4 Sep., 1689
148	Studley, Thomas	Weymouth died in ship "Rebecca"	Ann, relict	18 Sep., 1689
214	Tilley, John, bach.	Wimborne Minster died in ship "Suffolk"	James, son and attorney of James, father	24 Dec., 1689
167	Twisse, Avis, widow	Bradford	Jane, wife of Edward Penney, sister	3 Oct., 1689
24	Verge, Thomas	Sanwich	Mary, relict	21 Feb., 1689
		1690.		
206	Bartlett, Henry	Weymouth died in ship "Breda"	Sarah, relict	14 Nov., 1690
79	Bartlett, Robert, bach.	"Marlow Co Dorset" died ship "Exeter'	Elizabeth Cason, spr niece (sister's side)	7 May, 1690
	Beere al's Harris	see Harris		

Folio.	Name of Deceased.	Parish.	Grantee and Relationship to deceased.	Date of Administration.
48	Bennett, Anthony	Poole died in ship "Pendennis"	George Turberville, principle creditor	15 Mch.,1690
232	Boite, James, bach.	Weymouth died in ship "Berkley Castle"	Ann, mother	15 Dec., 1690
233	Bowles, James	Burton Bradstock died in ship "Breda"	John Pilton, attorney of Catherine, relict	16 Dec., 1690
95	Boyt, Richard	Weymouth	Ann, relict	20 June, 1690
163	Brice, John	Weymouth	Grace, relict	20 Sept.,1690
233	Collett, Edward	Weymouth died in ship "Breda"	Elizabeth, relict	26 Dec., 1690
206	Crayford, Nathaniel	Portland died in ship "Expedition"	James Symonds, attorney of Mary, relict	13 Nov., 1690
142	Draycott, Francis	Brownsey, Poole	John Miller, proctor, pending litigation between Mary Draycott, widow, sister, Priscilla, wife of Edward Norwood, Abigail and Elizabeth Barrington, nieces (sister's side) and Edmund Collyer, executor	14 Aug.,1690
204	Draycott, Francis	Brownsey	Priscilla, wife of Edward Norwood, niece (sister's side)	19 Dec., 1690
79	Fook, John	Charminster	John Hemer and John Damer, guardians of Hannah and John Fook, children; Ann, relict, renouncing	6 May, 1690
233	Gailor, William	Shipton St George died in ship 'Breda'	Benjamin Chappell, attorney of Richard, father	18 Dec., 1690
62	Harding, al's Heyward, Edith	Sturminster Marshall	James Ford, uncle (mother's side) and guardian of Walter Heyward, son; John Harding, husband, renouncing	19 Apl., 1690
31	Harris al's Beere, Sarah	Ryme Intrinsica	Samuel Beere, son	7 Feb., 1690
79	Hastings, Dorothy, spr.	Chilfrome	Francis Hastings, guardian of Theophilus Hastings, nephew; Dorothy, mother, renouncing	1 May, 1690
233	Hart, Phillip	Burton died in ship "Breda"	John Pilton, attorney of Susan, relict	16 Dec., 1690
234	Hawthon, Samuel, bach.	Fordington died in ship "Breda"	Randoll Hawthon, father	8 Dec., 1690
234	Hine, Mark, bach.	Bradstock died in ship "Breda"	Benjamin Chappell, attorney of Henry, father	18 Dec., 1690

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163	Horsey, William	Weymouth	Agnes, relict	1 Sep., 1690
210	Hurst, John	Poole died in ship "Charles Galley"	John Orchard, attorney of Lucy, widow, mother	13 Nov., 1690
234	Huxford, John, bach.	Weymouth died in ship "The Lion"	John Strong, attorney of John, father	19 Dec., 1690
149	Jacob, Daniel	Weymouth died in ship "Portsmouth"	Joane, relict	15 Aug., 1690
234	Jenkins, John, bach.	Shipton St. George died in ship "Breda"	Benjamin Chappell, attorney of John, father	18 Dec., 1690
234	Jones, John	Weymouth died in ship "Expedition"	Elizabeth, widow, mother	1 Dec., 1690
133	Knight, Richard	Weymouth died in ship "Portsmouth"	John, son	7 July, 1690
234	Legg, Samuel	Bothenhampton died in ship "Breda"	Benjamin Chappell, attorney of Mary, relict	18 Dec., 1690
234	Mother, David	Weymouth died in ship "Expedition"	Ann, relict	17 Dec., 1690
149	Northy, Thomas	Dorchester	Dorothy, relict	11 Aug., 1690
234	Nossiter, Stephen	Bothenhampton died in ship "Breda"	Benjamin Chappell, attorney of Julia, relict	18 Dec., 1690
241	Oake, George, bach.	Burton died in ship "Breda"	Elizabeth Brown, aunt (mother's side)	2 Dec., 1690
235	Oake, George	Burton Bradstock died in ship "Breda"	John Pilton, attorney of Dorothy, relict	16 Dec., 1690
235	Peirce, Benjamin	Portland died in ship "Breda"	Mary, relict	15 Dec., 1690
149	Pelham, Thomas	Compton Vallence	William, son; Hester, relict, renouncing	5 Aug., 1690
235	Polden, Samuel, bach.	Burton Bradstock died in ship "Breda"	Benjamin Chappell, attorney of James, father	18 Dec., 1690
179	Redwood, John, bach.	Sherborne died in Southwark, Surrey	Gabriel, brother	29 Oct., 1690
209	Stent, John	Poole died in ship "Hope"	Mary, relict	4 Nov., 1690
164	Stone, Margaret	Gillingham	Henry Whiffin, nephew (sister's side)	4 Sep., 1690
133	Stoodley, Charles	Dorchester	Sarah, relict	26 July, 1690
9	Strode, William	Weymouth	Amy, relict	16 Jan., 1690
235	Tucker, John	Loather died in ship "Breda"	Benjamin Chappell, attorney of Frances, widow, mother	18 Dec., 1690

Folio.	Name of Deceased.	Parish.	Grantee and Relationship to deceased.	Date of Administration.
96	Tunstall, James, bach.	Weymouth died in ship "Portsmouth"	Thomas, father	20 June, 1690
133	Tutchin, Nathaniel	Bridport	Joan, relict	15 July, 1690
235	Warren, William	Shipton St. George died in ship "Breda"	Benjamin Chappell, attorney of John, brother	18 Dec., 1690

(To be continued.)

GEO. S. FRY.

246. WITCHCRAFT IN DORSET.—The following curious certificate that Johane Guppie of South Perrott, Dorset, was not a practitioner of "enchantmente, sorcerye or witchcrafte," was printed in the *Antiquary* for July last, p. 215. Thinking it should find a place in *S. & D. N. & Q.*, I have sent a copy for that purpose, adding the signatures to the certificate, so far as legible. The document is in the Miscellanea of the Exchequer $\frac{17}{5}$.

E. A. FRY.

"To all Christian people to whome this presente certificate shall come wee the parishioners of South Perrott in the county of Dorset [where] Johane Guppie, the wiefe of Thomas Guppie, nowe dwelleth and of Stoke Abbott where the said Johane was borne [and of oth]er parishes neere theer aboutes whose names are herevnder writen send greetinge in our Lord God. Knowe ye that wee the said parishioners and inhabitantes of the said places and thereaboutes dooe by theis presentes signifie affirme and declare that the said Johane Guppie duringe all the tyme of her aboade and dwellinge in South Perrott aforesaid and before her cominge theer hath did and doth behave herself in all thinges well and honestlye and never did to our knowledges or as we have ever heard eyther hurte or damage to anye person or persons whatsoever by waye of enchantmente sorcerye or witchcrafte nor was ever accompted reckoned or knowen to be a woman that ever could vse anye such thinge or to be a woman of that sorte condicon or quallitie, but contrariwise she hath donne good to manye people aswell in curinge of dyvers peoples woundes and such like thinges as in drenchinge of cattell and such like exercises and alwayes hath lyved of good name and fame wthout anye spott or touch of enchantment sorcerye or witchcrafte. All w$_{oh}$ wee the parties herevnder named and menconed shall and wilbe alwayes readye to affirme and maynteyne whersoever and when wee shalbe called thervnto. And in wytnes wherof wee the said parishioners and inhabitantes have herevnto subscribed our names and sette our signes markes and seales. Yeaven the twoo and twentieth daye of Julye in the

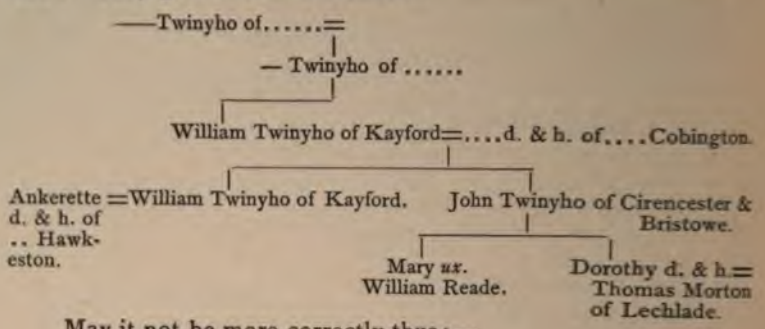
yeares of the raigne of our soveraigne lord, James by the grace of God Kinge of England Fraunce and Ireland the ffourth and of Scotland nyne and thirtieth defendor of the ffayth etc.

Henry Lennett [or Bennett] of Mosthorne.
Benjamin Pavy of Stoke Abbott.
Richard Canterbury of Stoke Abbott.
Nicholas Clarke of Abbott Stoke.
John Ptridge.
John [?] ayer of Mosthorne.
John Gray.
William Lukey of Mosthorne.
John Gollop of Mosthorne.
John Peach.
John Baker of Stoke.
George Pavey of Stoke.
Thomas Baker of Stoke.
Andrew Fowler of Stoke Abbott.
Nicholas Collingdon.
Henrie Smyth of Stoke Abbott
Thomas Smyth of Stoke.
Robert Smyth of Stoke [written on the slips to which the seals were attached.]

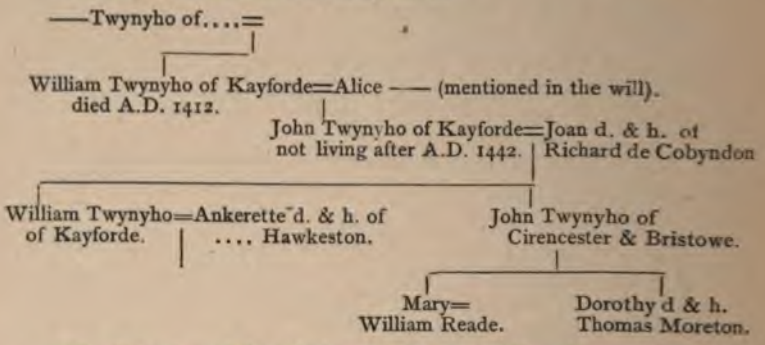
The remainder (only about three or four) are illegible. The seals are also gone.

247. Richard de Cobyndon, John de Twynyho. (V. xxxviii. 209). The date of the will of John Twynyho of Cirencester is A.D. 1485, twenty-three years after the death of Joan de Cobyndon's second husband. There must have been two men named John Twynyho. In the numerous private charters concerning Frome and Keyford [Cayforde] in the British Museum and in the Feet of Fines 1-9 Henry VI. occur William Twynyho of Keyford, flourishing at the beginning of the 15th century, and evidently the same as William Twynyho of Keyford whose will in Somerset House is dated A.D. 1417; and then John Twynyho of Keyford until A.D. 1442 when his son and heir William Twynyho leases his "capital messuage there" to Thomas Canynges and his wife. The last is presumably William Twynyho whose widow Ankerette was hanged at Warwick, 17 Edward IV; if he was in possession of the family property at Keyford in A.D 1442, his father John was dead by that date. The latter therefore might be the husband of Joan de Cobyndon in question, and doubtless is the same John, the only son mentioned in the will of William Twynyho in A.D. 1412. Is it possible that the Heralds in their Visitations of Somerset and Gloucestershire from A.D. 1531-1623 could have received the wrong information, and so set down instead of John Twynyho,

William Twynyho as having married the daughter of — Cobington? They give the descent thus:—



May it not be more correctly thus:—



The Chantry of St. Nicholas in Frome Church was founded by John Cable and John de Frome, according to the licence for the foundation in Rot. Patent. 9 Henry IV, pt. 2 m. 9.

E. MARGARET THOMPSON.

248. BISSE FAMILY. (V. xxxvii. 170).—The following entry is from the Parish Register of Horsington, Somerset.

1799. Thomas Biss of Ditcheat and Fanny Hockey of Horsington married. T. H. B.

249. SOME BEQUESTS TO DORSET CHURCHES. (V. xxxvi. 147, xxxvii. 188).—In answer to S. R. B.,—the name in the registered copy of the will is unquestionably 'Collant.' The testator happens to mention in the will that he was born at Simondsborowe (Symondsbury), in which village a family named Collant was resident during the early part of the seventeenth century. I have not however found any such name as 'Covant' or 'Couand' there. F. J. P.

250. THE PATRIARCH OF DORCHESTER, JOHN WHITE. (V. xxxvii. 206).—According to Kirby's *Winchester Scholars* he was admitted as a scholar to Winchester 1526, aged 12, and was baptised at Leckford. A. S.

251. LE SOR AND WICKHAM FAMILIES.—In Collinson, II. 306, Elizabeth Wickham is stated to be a co-heiress of the Le Sor. Was she a Miss or Mrs.? If the former, did she afterwards marry, and whom? Who were her parents? If the latter, her maiden name, also the name of the other co-heiress? Are the arms of the Le Sor known? If so, kindly give them. Answers to these would help to decide the shield at the W. end of the Rodney tomb in Backwell Church, of which I believe the charge in chief is a culverin, the other two doubtful, but impaling Wickham. F. WERE.

252. JOHN ROGERS, second son of John Rogers the martyr, was Chancellor of the Cathedral Church of Wells from 11 Oct., 1596, till his resignation on 3 March, 1602-3. A John Rogers, gent., of the Middle Temple, was M.P. for Wareham, in 1584-5, 1586-7 and 1588-9. What evidence is there that these were identical, as stated in Cooper's *Athenæ Cantab.* (II. 385)? The Colleague of the M.P. at Wareham in 1584-5 was Andrew Rogers of Brianstone, and it seems highly probable that the two M.P.s were brothers. John Rogers, brother and heir to Andrew, received Knighthood in 1603 and died in 1613.

W. D. PINK.

253. BRIEFS AND ROYAL LETTERS.—Some of your readers are probably old enough to remember the time when collections in Churches were made—chiefly for the religious Societies—in accordance with "Royal Letters" of request. I have a faint recollection that this mode of appeal was employed when the Irish famine was at its height. In Parish accounts the references to Briefs are very numerous, and I have seen it stated that about 10,000 were issued in one year, and, as may be supposed, the results were in many cases insignificant.

The following extracts from the books of Hackney Parish Church relate to West country applicants, and may throw a ray of light on a local history.

27th Aug., 1614.

Gathered for one Richard Miller of Poole for losses sustained at sea by the Spaniards at divers tymes and last of all in a shipp called the *gifte of God*, of Poole,—the sume .. v^{s} vi^{d}.

13 April, 1622.

Gathered for Thomas Hodder of Bridport, in the countie

of Dorsett, by a brief dated the xxth of January last .... viij^{s} iij ^{d}.

Collected ye 19th of January 1661 for a brief for Milton Abbas in the county of Dorset o 17s. 4d.

Hackney Parish Register.

Gyles Mompesson, Esq., and Katheren Sent John, married Sept. 22, 1605. C. J. ROBINSON.

254. DAVID WILLIAMS, B.A., USHER OF SHERBORNE SCHOOL.—In *A Short History of Sherborne*, by W. B. Wildman, M.A., there is a list of the Ushers of Sherborne School given on pp. 88-90. Of these the last but two in the list is "David Williams, B.A., Oriel College, Oxon.," who was appointed to succeed Henry Cutler in 1805, and resigned Christmas, 1813. Mr. Wildman appears not to have been able to trace his after career. Whether he was ordained whilst Usher at Sherborne I do not know, but late in 1847 he was appointed by the then Bishop of Winchester to the Rectory of Baughurst, Hants, and for several years before that he had been sole Curate in charge of Overton in the same county. He died Rector of Baughurst in the early sixties, being then over 80 years of age. He was the father of the late Bishop of Quebec, the Rt. Rev. J. W. Williams, D.D.

Wokingham. C. W. PENNY.

255. MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS IN OTHER COUNTIES RELATING TO SOMERSET AND DORSET. (III. xxiv, 337, IV. xxvii. 88, xxix. 177, xxxi. 253, xxxii. 310, V. xxxv. 93, xxxvi. 143).

The following is now to be seen in the Triforium of the Temple Church, London :—

"M.S | GULIELMI FREMAN | Armigeri | Breve ab hoc marmore spatium | Comuni cum uxoris fratre tumulo compositi | Patrem habuit RADULPHUM de ASPEDEN in Agro | HARTFORDIENSI Armig^{em}; | Uxorem duxit ELEANORAM, Domi: Io^{nis} FITZ IAMES | de LEWESTON in Agro DORSETT Militis, sororē, | et a Fratris obitu, cedentem cum Germanis in | æquæ sortis hæreditatem ex hac filium unicū | suscepit, | vivo ad huc patre mortuū tumuloq. | patris contermino humatum Cromwelliana | tempestate regiarum fuit partium vindex | accerrimus; & varia militiæ munia, arduis illis | temporibus, inconcussa fide strenuus obijt | unius cujusq. demum officij partes qua | publici qua privati; implevit omnes. cujus | fidem princeps; pietatem patria; amorē conjux | bonitatem sui; æquitatem omnes agnovere. | in supremis, cum multis multa legasset; | RADULPHUM fratris filium natu majorem | (suo dudum orbatus) ex asse heredem, | et testa-

menti curatorem unicum scripsit : | qui hoc et defuncti patrui, | et suæ Pietatis | Monumentum posuit 1701. | "

Beneath is a shield with the arms *Az.*, three fusils *or*, impaling *Az*, a dolphin embowed *or* (Fitzjames); over all, an escutcheon of pretence with the arms of Fitzjames repeated.

C. H. MAYO.

256. JUDGE JEFFREYS IN SOMERSET.—Mr. W. G. Boswell-Stone has kindly placed at our disposal a contemporary copy of the warrant of Judge Jeffreys to the Sheriff of Somerset. It is endorsed

"FOR THE WORR^LL WILLM LACEY ESQR ATT HARTROW THESE."

"Whereas the sev'all psons in the Schedules herevnto Annexed at the Sessions of Oyre and Terminer and [general Gaol] Deliv'y holden for this County are [convic]ted of High Treason and have Rečed Judgement of Death to be Drawne Hanged and Quartered &c:

These are to will and require you imediately on sight hereof to putt the same Judgem^t in Execučon in the sev'all places in Jeffreys] the said Schedules Annexed. And for yor soe doeing This shall be yor sufficient Warr^t Given vnder my hand and Seale the Six and Twentyeth day of September A°: 1°: Jac. 2^di: Rš: 1685°

To the Sheriffe of the County of Som'sett These

Som'šš ff] Lett the Sheriffe of the County of Som'sett dispose of the Heads and Quarters of the sev'all psons that are to be Executed in the Schedules herevnto Annexed in the sev'all Places where they are to be Executed or in the Neighbouring Parishes, and for some few of them to be disposed of as hee shall thinke fitt Given vnder my hand and Seale the Six and Twentyeth day Jeffreys] of September Anno Prino Jac. scđi Rš: 1685°

S^r

I have here sent you a Coppy the warr^t for execucon as alsoe a List of the sev'all psons to bee executed & the places where they are to bee soe executed. the Sheriffe is to begin at Taunton this day and tomorrow att Wellington. I hope you will pardon me Sept. the last 85] for not writing on you att Wells as I pmised for hee was Comanded to ride soe far as Amesbury who is yor worr^pps humble ser^t." [Signature torn off.]

It is not necessary to print the list of names which follows, as it appears in Roberts' *Life of James, Duke of Monmouth*, Vol. II. pp. 262-5.

The following variations are, however, noteworthy:—

BATH. Clatworthy for Clotworthy, Collens for Collins.

PHILIPS NORTON. Creaves for Cruse, Casewell for Caswel Keare for Beare, Pearce for Pierce.

FROOME. Smyth for Smith, Vill al's Vile for Vile, Ware f Warr, Beamont for Beaumont, Clemant for Clement, Humfri for Humphreys.

BREWTON. James Feild sen. for James Field, Pradon f Beadon.

SHEPTON MALLET. John Gilham junr. for John Gilha John Dorchester senr. for John Dorchester, Cambe for Combe.

PENSFORD. Edwards for Edmonds, Pearce for Pierce, Wm Cheeke als Chick for William Cheek, Finier for Finnier.

WELLS. William Meade Glover for William Mead, Sheph for Shepperd.

CHARD. Fort for Foote, Eastabrooke for Easterbroo Drumett for Durnett.

CROOCKHORNE. Stevins for Stephens, Bushell for Bussell.

SOMERTON. Stevins for Stephens, Candick for Condick Kellway for Kelloway.

YEOVIL. Barnaby Thatcher for Concealing of Buffett, f Bernard Thatcher, Edward Gillard for Edmund Gillard.

BRIDGWATER. Davies for Davis.

BRISTOL. Glover als Tucker, for Glover.

SOUTH PETHERTON. Daveys for Davis.

ILMINSTER. Nicholas Collens sen. for Nicholas Collins, Rick for Kitch, Burnard for Barnard.

STOGUMBER. Hillard for Gillard.

KEYNSHAM. Badd for Baddy. The name of Thomas Troke appears in the place of Henry Lawrence.

AXBRIDGE. Senr. added to John Gill's name.

MINEHEAD. Joanes als Evans for Jones.

THE EDITORS.

257. EDMUND LEVERSEDGE OF FROME, SOMERSET, AND OF WESTBURY, WILTS.—Any information would be welcome on Edmund Leversedge [Leversegge, &c.] of the family of the lords of the manor of Frome, living when a young man in A.D. 1465 in the town of Frome with his mother Agnes, widow of Robert Leversedge of Vallis. Apparently he is the same as Edmund Leversege of Westbury, who left a will dated A.D. 1496.

E. MARGARET THOMPSON.

258. CASTLE CARY COURT ROLL, 1649-50.—The following was copied from the records by the late Mr. Serel some years ago. It is possible that the original no longer exists.

A.W.G.

Willm Booth Esq — Com: Somerst.
Receiv'r Genall
Willm Oram — The Mannor of Castle Carey Cum Almesforth et certis
Bayliff — terris infra Forestam de Frome Zelwood.

The Charge.

Arrears retorned on ye foote of the last.. accompt viz.- vpon	Edward Kirton Esqr for his Rent arrear ij yeares xvj car. being v£ p annu'	£ x	£ CCxiiij.xij. ij.
	The Tenants of the Forest of Zelwood for vij yeares arrears xxiiij car	£ s d xxiij. xvj. iiij	
	James Kirton, gent. for his customary rent arrears for vj yeares & di' xxiiij Car.	£ s ix. xv—	
	Walter Russe xijd. and Willm Atkins vjd. for heriotts arrears x yeares	d xviij.	
	Willm. Gander and Alexander Tippett, Sequestrato's for Money recd. by them att Michas xxij, contrary to order wch ought to be repaid	£ d. Lxiij. —iiij.	
	Thomas Austyn for pte of his fyne, besides lxxx£ paid xxiiij Car	£ L	
	Thomas Lane pte of his Fyne besides v£ paid xxiiij. Car.....	£ xv	
	Humfrey Lewis for pte of his Fyne besides xxv£ paid xxiiij. Car.	£ xl	
	The executo's of John Hadynott for a Heriott xxiiij Car.....	£ iij	
Rents	For the ffreehold Rents as appeares by the Rentall.....	s. d. xv. j. ob.	£ d. Cxxxiij. xj. ix. ob. qr. £ ij. pip'is. ij. Cum', j ros' rub'
	For the copyhold Rents of the said Mannor as appears by the Rentall	£ d. Lxxiij.j.ij. ob.	
	For the leasehold rents of the said Mannor as appears by the Rentall	£ s. L.xj.ix.ob. qr.	
	For the Rent of the Faires and Marketts there p ann.....	s. £ x. ij pip'is	
	Of the inhabitants of Babcary and Aulford for the rent of a watercourse; p ann	s. iiij.	
	For the rent of the parke held by Edward Kirton Esq	£ v.	
	For the rent of lands in the Forrest holden by Sir Charles Berkeley, vs. viijd. and Francis Swanton Esq £iij iiijs an. toto..	£ iij. ix. vij.	
Heriots and pfits of Cort.	For a Herriott on the death of John Gibson	d. xij.	£ iij. xviij. viij.
	For the pfits of one Court holden there xxviij Sept. 1649—viz. For amerciamts and paynes on seu'all p'sons for not appearing at the said Court and otherwise.....	£ s. d. iij. xviij. viij.	

Fynes of Lands sold 1649,	John Corpe £xl. Frances Kirton £xxxv, George Lewis £xxxv, Robt. Morgan £lxvj. xiij.iij, Alice Dinghurst £xx, John Carey junr £xvj, Andrew Russett £xxxv, Richard Collins £xxx, John Mogge £xxviij, Thomas Carey sen. £xl, John Lewis £xviij, John Redwood £v, Stephen Russe £iij, Richard Cosens £Cxx, John Atkins £iij. vj. viij, Edward Russe £xl. and Edward Murrow £xij. in toto....	C £ v. ix.	C £ v. ix.

Some totall of the Charge is

C £ £
vij. lxi. iiij. vij. [ob. qr.], ij. pip'is, ij Cum', j ros' rub'.

The Discharge

	Payd by the said Bayliff to Willm Booth Esq. Receiver Gen'all in ready money, in pte of the Mannor Rents as appeares by Acquittance vnder his hand the some of	£ s. d. Cxiij. x. ij. ob. qr.	
Money payd.	Paid him more by Thomas Austin, the remaynder of his fyne of £Cxxx.....	£ L	C £ d. vj. lv. xvij. x. ob. qr.
	paid him more by Thomas Lane the remaynder of his fyne of £xx	£ xv.	
	paid him more by Humfrey Lewis the remaynder of his fyne of £lxv.....	£ xl.	
	paid him more by John Corpe in pte of his fyne of £xl	£ xx	
	paid him more by Francis Kirton in full of his fyne of £xxxv	£ xxxv,	
	paid him more by George Lewis in full of his fyne of £xxxv	£ xxxv.	
	paid him more by Robte Morgan in pte of his fyne of £lxvj. xiij. iiij.....	£ xxxiij. vj. viij.	
	paid him more by Alice Dinghurst in part of her fyne of £xx	£ vj. xiij. iiij.	
	paid him more by John Carey the younger in full of his fyne of £xvj	£ xvj.	
	paid him more by Andrew Russe in full of his fyne of £xxxv	£ xxxv.	
	paid him more by Richard Collins in pte of his fyne of £xxx	£ xv.	
	paid him more by John Mogg in full of his fyne of £xxviij.....	£ xxviij.	
	paid him more by Thomas Carey the elder in full of his fyne of £xl..	£ xl.	
	paid him more by John Lewis in full of his fyne of £xviij	£ xviij.	
	paid him more by John Redwood als Goldfinch in full of his fyne of £v.....	£ v.	
	paid him more by Stephen Russe in full of his fyne of £iij	£ iij.	
	paid him more by Richard Cozens in full of his fyne of £cxx	£ Cxx.	
	paid him more by John Atkins in full of his fyne of £iij. vj, viij	£ iij. vj. viij.	
	paid him more by Edward Russe in full of his fyne of £xl	£ xl.	
	paid him more by Edward Murrow in full of his fyne of £xij.....	£ xij.	
	paid him more by the said Bayliffe for a Herriott vpon the death of John Gibson..	d. xij.	

Alloca-c'ons.	To the said Bailiffe for his fee for the said yeare	s. xl.	£ xv, vj v.
	To him for the charges of one Courte Leete holden there xxviij. Sept. 1649 ..	s. d. iij. iiij.	
	To him for Contribuc'on and Taxes for the said Mannor till Midsoner 1650	£ xiij. j. ix.	
Arreares.	Edward Kirton Esq for the Rent of his Parke for ij years xvj Car. at £xl. The Tenants of the Forest for vij yeares arreares xxiiij Car. £xxiij, James Kirton, gent. for his Customary Rent for vj yeares and halfe xxiiij Car. £ix. xvs. Walter Russe xijd. and Willm Atkins vjd. for Herriotts, Willm Gander and Alexander Tippett. Sequestratio' for the Rents recd, by them Michs xxij Car. Contrary to order £lxiij. iiijd. and the Executors of John Hodynott for a herriott xxiiij Car. £iij. In toto.....	Cjx. xiij. ij.	
	For pte of the Amerciamt on seu'all of the Tenants for not appearing at the Court holden xxviij Sept. 1649	£ iij. xiiij. ij.	£ d. CC — iiij.
	For the rent payable by Sr Charles Berkeley and Francis Swanton Esqr in the Forrest of Brewham for this yeare 1649	£ iij. ix. viij.	
	James Kirton Gent. for his rent due this yeare	s. xxx.	
	John Corpe for pte of his fyne besides £xx paid-£xx. Robte Morgan for pte of his fyne besides £xxxiij. vj. viij. paid xxxiij. vj. viij. Alice Dinghurst for pte of her fyne besides £vj. xiij. iiij paid. £xiij. vj. viij. Richard Collins for pt of his fyne besides £xv paid-£xv. In toto ..	£ Lxxxj. xiij. iiij.	

861. 04. 7 ob. qr.

And soe the total of the Discharge is C viij. lxj. iiij. vij. ob. qr.

259. Dean Plumptre's Life of Bp. Ken.—At page 11 of Vol. 1, it is stated that "there was a John Ken, Mayor of Bridgwater, *circ.* 1686." For Ken *read* Thomas Ven. Jarman's *History of Bridgwater*, p. 271.

J.K.

260. Powell Family. (V. xxxviii. 219.)—Owing to some cause (probably inadvertence) while copying my rough draught, I find the middle parts of the third paragraph on page 274, volume V., are thrown into confusion and rendered incongruous; they should stand as follows:—"Said arms having been allowed to their [the Powells'] common ancestor as being the known descendant of the said Einion, and continued by the Heralds to

his progeny as, for instance, in the case of the Wilton-Taunton branch," &c., &c., as follows in said printed page.

P. S. P. CONNER.

261. KITTISFORD BARTON.—Several years ago it was stated by a correspondent in one of the Taunton papers that he had in his possession a picture of Kittisford Barton, the old Manor house at Kittisford near Wellington, before it had been transformed into a modern farm house. If any of your readers can give me any information as to the whereabouts of this picture I shall be much obliged. F.E.W.L.

262. FROME SELWOOD PARISH CHURCH.—In the wills of various inhabitants of Frome in the 15th and early 16th centuries, the following lights in the Church of St. John the Baptist there are mentioned:—The light of the Holy, or High Cross, of St. John the Baptist, of St. Nicholas, of the B. Mary, (in the Lady Chapel,) of "St. Mary de Bowe," of the "B. Mary of Pity" (*Beate Marie Pietatis*), of St. Andrew, of SS. Clement, Christopher, Giles, George, Lucy, and Mary Magdalene; also the light of All Saints, and of All Souls [? *lumen animarum*], and the "light which is called le dole light," or "dowell" light. Can any one explain the last? Is it the light burnt during funeral obsequies, and so called from "dole," a word once used for "mourning?"

E. MARGARET THOMPSON.

263. THE BURIAL PLACE OF DR. GILBERT BOURNE, BISHOP OF BATH AND WELLS.—This Prelate and Dr. James Turberville, Bishop of Exeter, were two of the fourteen Bishops who refused to sign the Act of Supremacy passed in the first year of the reign of Queen Elizabeth, declining also to recognise the principles of the Reformation, and as a consequence were deprived of their Sees.

Dr. Oliver, in his *Ecclesiastical Antiquities of Devon*, vol, i., page 88, under Silverton, says,—"Godwin informs us that Dr. Gilbert Bourn, Bishop of Bath and Wells, was buried in the south aisle of this parish church. He was deprived of the office of Lord President of the Council in the Marches in Wales, and was ejected from his See by Queen Elizabeth for his conscientious adherence to the Catholic faith, and found a refuge with Dr. Carew, Dean of Exeter. Here he ended his days, 10 September, 1569." And in a note adds: "He was formerly Archdeacon of London, and brother to Sir John Bourn, principal Secretary of State, Heylyn's *History of Queen Mary*, page 40."

Dr. Carew was a great pluralist, and among his many preferments, held the Rectory of Silverton at the time. The Dean built himself a seat at Upton-Hillions, a parish a few miles distant from Silverton.

Westcote writing about 1630, observes, "In the church (Silverton) is a fair remembrance of Gilbert Bourne, Bishop of Bath and Wales, who died here 10 September, A.D. 1569."

No monument now exists to the Bishop, and the inscribed stones in the pavement of the Aisles, have been searched without success.

Dr. Bourne appears to have been the forty-seventh Bishop of Bath and Wells, consecrated 1 April, 1554, deprived four years after in 1559, and died in 1569.

Dr. Oliver gives the Bishop's Arms as, *Argent, a chevron gules between three lions rampant sable, a chief ermine, the chevron charged with a crescent of the second.*

Silverton is about six miles north of Exeter.

It is not accurately known where Bishop Turberville, (descended from that antient Dorsetshire family) was buried. Dr. Oliver in his *Lives of the Bishops of Exeter*, page 138, says "Mr. T. Duffus Hardy in his '*Fasti Ecclesiæ Anglicanæ* 1854,' believes that "he died 1 Nov. 1559, and was buried in Exeter Cathedral," He was deprived on 18 June, 1559, and if so, his death occurred a few months afterwards, but Dr. Oliver says "he was certainly living 23 Jan., 1560, but the precise date of his death we have looked for in vain." R.

264. UTOPIA.—Is not the following letter which appeared in *The Spectator* of April 10, 1897, worthy of preservation in the pages of *S. & D. N. & Q.* C. W. PENNY.

To the Editor of the "Spectator."

Sir,—I have come across the following singular entry in an old marriage register of this parish:—

ō Dñi, 1648.

The 23d of the moneth *Zif*	Charles Napier of Puncknoll, in Dorseth' was married to Prucilla Hornando of the Parish of Loock-out, In Vtopia.

Can it be possible that More's famous island really existed, and was discovered by Raphael Hythoday, the friend of Amerigo Vespucci? The marriage lies entered in the same hand and on the same page as many still well-known local names, and its

presence suggests the subject for a stirring romance for some of our historical novelists.....I am, Sir, &c.,

JOHN R. DUMMELOW, M.A.

Membury Parsonage, Chard, April 2nd.

265. WHIPPING PRISONERS.—Mr. Ellesdon, Mayor of Lyme, in 1595, paid for—

	s.	d
4 yards of Canvas to make a coat to whip the rogues in	3	0
Making ye same	0	6
Whipping of three of the ship boys for stealing of Mr. Hassard's Salmon fish in the Cobb	1	0

(N.B.—Salmon was plentiful in the West at this epoch.)

The charge of fourpence made for whipping a boy coutinued for many years the same. The whipping of a woman who was a stranger was little more costly; but the inflicting such a punishment upon a townswoman was remunerated at a higher rate, as may well be supposed, from a consideration of several circumstances. To take a violent, noisy woman from her chamber, tie madam to the tumbrel and whip her round the town, was an undertaking that demanded assistance and protection for the official or hireling that wielded the thong. In the Town Accompt Book are found such entries as those which are given in illustration:—

		s.	d.
1625.	For Whipping William Wynter's boy ..	0	4
	,, Agnes Abbott twice.. ..	2	4
1644.	Paid two soldiers to attend the whipping of a woman	2	6
	Paid to whipping for women	4	0

In the Lyme Court of Hustings Book, 1581, occurs the following.—

"The jury present that the tumbrell be repaired and maintained from time to time, according to the statute."

It is to be feared that it was often required, and that 'wear and *tear*' was accountable for the entry two years afterwards, 1583, that:—Mr. Mayor provide a tumbrell before All Saints' Day, under a penalty of 10s."

G. S. HENNING, M.A.

266. WORTH MATRAVERS PARISH REGISTERS.—It is mentioned in Hutchins' *History of Dorset* that the earliest (17th century) register of the remote parish of Worth Matravers was already in a fragile condition many years ago, and I had expressed a wish if leisure should be allowed me, with permission of the Vicar to see

what steps can be taken as far as possible to arrest further decay and to describe this little volume in its present condition.

Though I am presently about to leave the Isle of Purbeck, I am happy to say that the task which I had proposed to myself as regards the register already mentioned will fall into the ablest and most appropriate hands. It has been already undertaken by the Rev. Richard Grosvenor Bartlett, of Corfe Castle, who brings a practised hand and eye to bear upon one of the volumes which his kinsmen in an earlier generation rescued.

Meanwhile, when on a visit there, though I could give but a few moments to the inspection of that first volume (small 8vo.) which needs careful and gentle handling, I asked Mr. Shepherd's leave to carry off the 2nd and 3rd volumes of the series which needed some mending and fresh stitching and covering, and it is to these that I propose to devote a few pages in *S. & D. N. & Q.*

The two volumes (which are now bound in one, as I shall presently explain) cover the period from 25th April, 1697, to 1762, and consist of parchment of the ordinary folio form of parish registers of the 18th century.

Some time in the last quarter of the last century or early in the 19th century they were both lost or purloined, and probably in that time they had acquired the beggarly and slovenly appearance in which I saw them. The elder brother (dated '1697-1733') had a torn coat which I have hung up as a caution and a curiosity in (so to say) the back premises of their new joint home, or (to speak more directly) at the end of the volume which contains the two books (1697-1733-1762) in one cover. It had contained originally at least 36 leaves (or 72 pages) of parchment, but the earliest pages were somewhat decayed by damp, and from the other end at least 23 leaves had been cut out, as I judge from the narrow shreds of parchment and the binder's thread which alone remained to tell the tale. There remained therefore only 13 leaves, some of them cut across horizontally, and a torn parchment cover of the volume in question.

A new book was begun in 1733-4, either because blank leaves of the former book had already at that date been abstracted, or else because the one then recently in use had been already lost or mislaid. It consisted (when I first saw it in May, 1895) of only 14 leaves or 28 pages of thick parchment, and possibly was never a thicker volume. But the leather or parchment cover was entirely gone and had been, so I infer, for at least 73 years, for it had no sort of cover save one of the pasteboards which once helped to stiffen the cover. On this pasteboard in 1823 Mr. Bartlett sen. made his note which I shall now print, and it seems more than likely that if a vellum cover (or a paper lining to some other kind of binding) had existed in his time he would have written his note

on that, as he made the same record *verbatim* on the tattered parchment cover of the (earlier) companion volume, rather than on such a disagreeable medium as rough dark-coloured pasteboard. The note or memorandum in each volume ran as follows:

"Found in a Cottage at Swanage by the Revd. Thos. Oldfield Bartlett, Rector, and restored to the Parish Chest of Worth by himself and the Revd. W. O. Bartlett, Vicar, the thirteenth day of August, 1823."

I will give here the earliest entries in the Register itself—

*Leaf 2a.
*The Register of ye Parish of Worth Matraverse for the yeare 1697.
Baptized William the Sonne of Georg Fry, April ye 25th, 1697.
Baptized Elizabeth the Daughter of John Fry, June ye 14th.
Buried *Mrs.* Judeth Rendle (*altered to* 'Randall') the 7th of the same moneth.
Bapt. John the Sonne of Jasper Dowland, Oct. ?
Married James Dicks and Anne K.
Bur. Robert Phippard of Weston, Nov.
Bap. William s. of Wm. Lander.
Bap. Thomas s. of Richard Sapht, April 5th 1698.
Bap. Mary d. of John Brown, Aprill 2nd.
,, Martha d. of Tho: Smyth, May 28.
Bur. *Mrs.* Judeth Randall, widow, November ii. (Sic.)
Bur. *Mr.* Christopher Goss, who died at Dunshay, January 24.
Bap. Mary d. of Rob. and Mary Bower, Feb. 2nd.
,, Mary a base borne child of Elizabeth B.....s, March 19.
Marr. Aprill ye 21, Rob. ..... and Rachel Supcote, 1699.
Bap. Anne d. of John .....th, May 29.
Bur. Alice Fry, widow, June ? Affidavit returned ye 10th.
Thomas Sonne of Richard and Sarah Squib, borne July 3rd. Baptized August ye 7th.
Alice d. of George and Christian Fry, born October the ... and baptiz'd November the 13, and Buried December 12th.
Mary d. of Ba. and Margaret Lander, bap. January the 5th [1699-1700]
Dampier baptiz'd Feb: 22. (sic.)
Thomas s. of Ric. and Sarah Squib, buried Aprill 22, 1700.
George s. of John Fry, bap. May 26.
Rachell Seamour, bur. June 22.
William Bower and Mellicent Vye, mar. Sept. 1st.
Mary Dowland, bur. Nov. 17.
Mary Launder bap. January 5. [1700-1701.]
Mary Whitingstall bur. Feb. 2nd.
Will: s. of William Bower bap. Ap. 21, 1701.
John Davonish and Elizabeth H..... of Langton mar. May 18, 1701
George s. of George Fry bap. Oct. 10th
Hannah d. of Farmer Hext, bap. Nov. 27.
Sarah Collins *widow*, bur. Dec. 22.
*Leaf 2b.
Mar. Richard Farewell and Joane Kembert, Feb. 14. [1701-2.]
Bap. Margaret Lander, Feb: 18.
Bap. John s. of John Cull, March 1st.
Bap. William s. of Edward and Honour Abbot March 12, 1701-2.
Bap. Bridget d. of Edward and Mary Bower, June 15, 1701.
Bap. ('Elizabith' *altered to*) Dorcas d. of John and Dorcas Fry, Aug: 30

Bap. Elizabeth d. of Richard and Elizabeth Smith, Oct. 25.
Bap. Robert s. of Robert and Mary Bower, Sep. 22.
Bap. Joseph s. of Richard and Sarah Squib, Sep. 25.
Bap. Margaret d. of John and Margaret Browne, Dec. 16.
" Edward s. of Thomas and Mary Smith, borne Feb. 12, and bap. March 10.
Bur. George s. of Henry Barter of Aphlington in the parish of Corfe Castle March 20.
Bap. Sarah d. of Edward Man, Aprill 1, 1705.
Bur. Mr. John Pyke *Gent*, Aprill 10.
Bur. Joseph s. of Richard Squib *Farmer* and Sarah, May 5.
Bur. Mary d. of Robt Bower *Quarrier* and Mary his wife, May 16.
Bur. Charles Culliford *Ship-Master*, June ye 1st.
Bur. Thomas Cull *labourer* June 10th.
Mary d. of Jasper Dowland, *Husbandman* & Mary born June 7th, and
Bap. July the 4th.
Bur. Joseph s. of Martha Cull *Widow*, June 15.
Bur. John s. of Henry Barter *labourer*, and Anne his wife Oct. 10, 1703.
Mar. Richard Haskall *Stone-cutter* of Sandwich and Martha Abbot of ye Parish *Spinster*, Nov. 17.
Bur. him ye 19 of ye same moneth.
Bur. William s. of Richard Smyth *Husbandman* March 24 [1703-4].

1704.

Bur. Elizabeth ye wife of Richard Smyth *Husbandman* Aprill the 9.
Mar. John Barnes and Temperance Parrish May ye 15.
Mar. *Mr* Dennis Smith of Poole and *Mrs* Margarett Belbin of Dunshay, june 5th.

*Leaf 3.]
Edward s. of Richard & Martha Haskall* was born the 14th of August.
Thomas s. of John Fry *labourer* was buried.
Martha d. of Edward Bower *Stone-Cutter* was Baptiz'd January 12 [1704-5.]
John s. of John Barnes & Temperance his wife was borne Aprill the 17, 1705. & Bapt May 17. . . . . .

(&c. &c.)

In subsequent years I notice

E. Udall, *widow*. J. Collier, *Gent*. E. Man, *Farmer*.
Yeomen: Abbot, Smith
Husbandmen: W. Barnes, W. Lander, Ri. Smyth, Jasper Dowland
Labourer: G. Fry, J. Fry, T. Cull, H. Barter.
Dairyman: H. Barter. But occupations do not to appear to have been generally noted except about 1705.

About 1709-1714 some attempt was made to register Marriages on one page and Burials on another, but this was abandoned afterwards.

Thomas a Posthum(o)us Son of Wm Launder, Sep. 9, 1705.
Joseph Bowles, W. ?Norman or Seaman.
Daniel & Martha Masters, W. Edmunds & Martha Bower.
J. Wicks & Mary Bonfiels, of Sandwich 1707.
W. & M. Roberts, Ichabod Fry, Judeth Seymore, Rebecca Phippard.
Jesper Dowland of the parish of Langton bur. 1714.
W. & Sarah Cooper, Temperance Smith, Susanna Aman.
Joseph Dolling of ye Parish of Corfe Castle bur. 1712. J. Curtis bap. 1713
(?J. Williams & Denis Bond, sign as Magistrates: and, in 1728, W. Okeden, J. Culliford, G. Trenchard; Roger Clavill, W. Clapcott, 1731. J. Preston.
Francis King & Sarah Abbott mar. 1713. Eliza Moss of Allwood, bur.
"Mr. Sam; Marsh Vicar of Worth 17$\frac{13}{14}$ Feb." (?instituted or inducted.)

(His wife Margaret. Their dau. Anne Marsh received into the Church 26 Mar. 1734.) dau. Elizabeth Marsh, Aug. 1720. s. Charles 1721.

Joseph Manuell, Martha Stickland.

Geo. Patten, Elizabeth Hall.

'Edward Edmunds & Mary Fry both of this Parish with Banns' Aug. 1714.

J. Bower Senior.

W. Barber & Elizabeth Batt both of the Parish of Sandwich with Banns.

Honor w. of Ed. Abbot.

Nicholas Samways of this par. & Sarah Hak of Corfe Castle.

J. Spear of Corfe Castle and Mary Jenkins.

T. Budden and Mary Brine both of Sandwich.

Joshua Corban and Hannah Spear

Elizabeth Collier widow. Martha d. of Rob. & Sarah Pyke.

Rob. Chinchin of Lanton & Francis Woolfrys of Worth with Banns.

W. Corban of Langton & Anne Cull.

Alexander Corban & Mary Randall both of Langton Matravers.

H. & Martha Stevens. June 10, Bur. George an infant the s. of Rob. Pyke Esq & Sarah his wife, affidavit made for burying in Woollen made ye same day.

'Christned' occurs in 1718.

T. and Edith Verdy. Edm. Abbot and Mary Alford. Rob. and Sarah Nineham. Floria (*sic*) ye dau. of James & Elizabeth Fry. Joan Lander. Reynold Baker. H. & Susan Curtis. Betty Nineam. Robin and Judith Seymour. Thomas Dover and Mary Normand, 1721.

W. s. of Anthony and Elizabeth Gover.

Mary d. of Christopher and Mary Pyke.

Joseph and Sarah Rumsey.

Elias Woods and Mary Slade of ye Parish of Winfred (Winfrith), 1724.

Joseph Ripp and Ann ?Gretton of Corfe.

W. Fry and Mary Meaden. Grace Edmunds 1725. Dec. 19, 1726, William Hardy of ye Parish of Sandwich and Bridget Bower of yis parish were marryed. Their son John Hardy, bapt. 1 Nov. 1727. .....'This is a true Register of Burials &c. in Worth Matravers for ye Year 1726 witness my hand Tho: Manning.'

John Bower and Mary Shepherd.

Mathew Thompson of London Christian Miles W. Lambert. Gabriel Bower: his s. Lewis.

1728. Mary Hardy base-born dau. of Mary S.....

James and Ann Murrey, 1728. J. Knowles of Corfe.

J. Purbeck and Mary Bower, both of Langhton.

Hester Fry, 1731.

James Thick. Thomas and Margaret Tidbury.

Nov. 21 (1730). Bapt: Privately Wager the son of the Revd. Mr. Sam: Marsh Vicar, and Margaret his Wife. Their d. Mary, 1729. Their Dau. Ann, privately, 1733. Timothy Smith. Charles and Priscilla, their s. and d. 1735.

1734. W. Bush and Bridgett Hardy of Sandwich. Joseph King of the Parish of Swanidge and Sarah Cooper, 1735. Jan. 4, 1735-6, bur. Geo. Fry the s. of Echerbud and Joan Fry of the Town of Wareham. Joseph Masters and Judith Melmoth of Sandwich. Sep. 6, marr. wth License Tho: Stiles & Mary Beret of Studland. Joseph & Avis Rumsey.

1738. Henry Wiseman Base born s. of Eleanor T..... J. Tutty and Sarah Spencer.

Eleanour d. of Nicholas and Susanna Hodder.

Bapt. privately Dorothea d. of Sam: and Ester Brown.

Bur. Rob. Roopèr of Corfe Castle.

Mar. Jos. Gott of Sandwich & Eliz: Smedmore of East Lullworth with a Certificate of Banns, 1739.

July 19. Bur. John Cross servant to Governor Johnson's Son, who was drowned in Shipmans pool as he was comeing on Shore.

Henry Jenkins the base born s. of Charity E....

THE OLD GRAMMAR SCHOOL, WIMBORNE MINSTER.

William s. of James and Amable Burbidge, 1741.
Edward Read of par. of Sandwich. Isaack Curtis.
Edward s. of T. and M. Hancock.
Richard s. of J. and Temperance Tripp.
Robin s. of Jonas and Ann Batrick.

1741-42, Feb. 15. Mar. with License Laurence Randall and Tamsey Dory both of the Parish of West Lullworth. Edw. Taylor and Eliz: Tub. J. and Charity Green. Eliz: d. of Robin and Eliz: Ozzard. Benj. and Martha Thicks. H. and Eliz: Rawles. Priscilla d. of T. and Rebecca Cootesfeild.

Feb. 13, 1745-6. Bur. the Revd. Mr. Samuel Marsh. June 22, 1746. Bur. Robert Pyke, Esq.

Mary, d. of J. and Temperance Jupp.

Ric. and M. Stickling. Jan. 21, 1746-7 mar. with License J. Harding of Sandwich and Barbara Moores of the par. of lower Litchet. H. Richman of Christ-church in ye Co. of Southton and Sarah Talbot of ye par. of Langton Mattravers Dorset.—Edw. Long and Eliz: Sexton. J. Rawlins. James and E. Tunner.

1749. Mar. w. Banns J. Pyke and Frances Dover. Their s. John privately bap. 18 Mar. 1750. Thomas 1752. Rob. 1755.

Nicholas Hodder of the par. of St. Martins in Wareham and Eliz: Young.

"Jno; Combes Vicar" signs the register at Lady Day 1749-50.

Arthur Foreman, bur. 1750.

Thomas the bastard child of Mary C.....

Jenney d. of T. and Susannah Grant of Kingston parish.

1753, Nov. 3. Bur. Joseph Smith who was killed by a waggon. Rec'd ye affid: in time.

Bap. privately Keziah d. of Thomas and Sarah Osmond. Betty d. of J. and Joannah Hall. Sarah d. of W. and M. Bowen. Margaret d. of Eliz. Riggs.

Bur. Thomas Pyke Esq., R. affid: 13 May 1756.

Bur. James Burbidge. Thomas Pyke a child, 1760.

Bap. J. s. of Richard and Sarah Rabbits, Aug. 21; Rob. s. of Rob. and — Pain.

Privately, Henry Daughter (*sic*) of William and Mary Bennet, Dec. 2, 1758.

E. dau. of W. and Martha Bishop.

Ann d. of T. and M. Rallins, May 16, 1762.

CHR. WORDSWORTH.

267. WIMBORNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—An engraving is given in the present Number of the old School-house, Wimborne Minster, Dorset, which was replaced by the present School buildings in the year 1851. Of this old house we read in Hutchins' *Dorset*, 3rd edit., vol. 3. p. 193,

"Not long after [*i.e.* after 1587] the school-house being ancient and decayed, and not sufficient for the scholars, the governors new built it, made the school more spacious, and the house larger and more commodious, not only for the master and his ordinary family, but for the entertainment of the scholars who lived with him. They likewise provided necessary furniture for that purpose, at an expense of 200*l* which was defrayed by the governors with the assistance of the parish. This work was completed under the care of Thomas Hanham, esq., serjeant-at-law, as appeared from his arms and the following remains of an

inscription on painted glass upon one of the chamber windows at the north end of the school-house:

HOC PERFECIT
OPUS SUA CURA
THOMAS HANHAM
SERVIENS AD LEGEM
—UT QUÆ FORTUNÆ— "

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268. MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS IN THE WEST INDIES, RELATING TO SOMERSETSHIRE, AND OTHER WEST OF ENGLAND FAMILIES.—In Captain I. H. Lawrence-Archer's most interesting volume—"*Monumental Inscriptions of the British West Indies*," there are, as above, several of considerable interest, and their quotation may prove acceptable to the readers of *S. & D. N. & Q.*

In the Cathedral, Spanish-Town, Jamaica:—

"Here lyeth interr'd ye body of Francis Blackmore, Esq., one of His Ma'ties Council of Jamaica, and son of Sir John Blackmore of Quantrix House, in the county of Somerset, Kt., who departed this life the 24th day of October, 1697, and in ye 39th year of his age."

Arms,—*On a fess between three Moors' heads, as many crescents.* Crest,—*An arm embowed grasping a lance with a swallow-tailed pennon.*

In the same Cathedral,—

"Here lyeth the body of Colonell Theodore Cary, one of the sonnes of Cockington House in Devonshire, brother to Sr Henry Cary, Captaine of His Ma'ties Fort at Port Royall, one of His Ma'ties Council, and one of the Judges of the Grand Court in Jamaica. He died June 26th, 1683, in ye yeare of his age 63."

Arms,—*On a bend three roses, in the sinister chief a mullet for difference.*

Capt. Archer gives this note:—

"He was brother to Robert Cary, author of *Paleologia Chronica*, born at Cockington. For an elaborate and interesting genealogy of this family, see the *Herald and Genealogist*, from which the following is extracted.

"William Cary of this family had a daughter, who was married to Dr. William Helyar, and was buried in Exeter Cathedral, July, 1607. Dr. Helyar was a divine of some eminence, and claimed (I presume through his wife) kinship with Queen Elizabeth. At any rate he was her Majesty's chaplain, and probably through her, if not directly from her, received his other important preferments. He seems to have been a great pluralist

in an age of pluralism, and enjoyed a Prebendal stall both at Exeter and Chester, the Archdeaconry of Barnstaple, the Treasureship of Chelsea College, and various livings in Devon and Somerset. He died in 1645, and was, I think, buried in Exeter Cathedral, but at East Coker, in Somersetshire, he founded an Almshouse, and built a handsome residence, Coker Court, which his descendants have occupied in succession to the present day. The Archdeacon's eldest son, Henry Helyar, formed a *second* connection with the Cary family. According to the *Visitation of Somerset*, 1672,—(confirmed by Cole's *Escheats*) he married in 1621, Christian, daughter of William Cary of Clovelly, Co. Devon, and by her had several children, amongst whom was Cary Helyar, who migrated a merchant to Jamaica, and there died in 1672, aged 39. His moument is in the church of Spanishtown, in that island, and in the same church is another to Colonel Theodore Cary "one of the sons of Cockington House, co. Devon, brother to Sir Henry Cary, a Judge of the Grand Court." He died in 1683, aged 63, and was therefore contemporary with Cary Helyar, and it is not unreasonable to conjecture, was related to him. There can be little doubt that Colonel Theodore Cary was one of the younger sons of George Cary of Cockington, of whom Prince says, that his "youngest sons became soldiers of fortune, and died, I think, beyond the seas without issue." This last statement is perhaps open to question, as the M.S. I have quoted records the marriage, in 1676, of Colonel Theodore Cary with Dorothy Wale, and in 1679, of Penelope Cary with Thomas Edward." We then get the inscription to Cary Heylar, from the same church ;—

"Here lyeth the body of Mr. Cary Helyar, marchant, who dyed the 5th day of July, 1672, and in the 39th yeare of his age. Rev. 14th, 'Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord; they rest from their laboure."

Arms,—*A cross pointed patee (a curious variation of a cross urdee) between four mullets pierced, a crescent for difference.* Crest,—*Behind a dunghill cock a cross-crosslet patee fitchee.*

Capt. Archer makes further note :—

"Sir Thomas Lynch in his "*Present state of the Government of Jamaica, August* 20, 1671," says of this 'marchant,' "I have appointed a Chief Treasurer, Mr. Cary Helyar, he is an honest gentleman, and an excellent accomptant; he has other employes here, so does it at 8d. per lb." A Thomas Helyar was Member for St. Ann's in 1675. Cary Helyar married, 13 Oct., 1671, Priscilla Houghton, who re-married 10 May, 1675, Colonel Edward Stanton.

On a black marble slab.—

"Here lyes the body of the Honourable Collonell John Walters, late chief Justice of this Island, and one of Her Majestie's Councill here. Born at Ashprenton* in the county of Devon, the

*Ashprington. on the Dart.

nth of April, 1659, and dyed the 5th of November, 1706, aged 47 years."

Arms.—*A fess lancette between three eagles displayed.* Crest.—*On a cap of maintenance, a lion's head erased.*

In the Parish Church of St. Andrew's, Kingston, Jamaica.—

"Eleanor wife of David Duncomb and daughter of John and Elizabeth Winter, of Watchet, co: Somerset, —ob: 7 Sep., 1786, at 57."

"Captain Daniel Pring, Royal Navy, of Ivedon-Penn in the County of Devon, England, who fell a victim to the climate, at Port Royal, while filling the post of Commodore of the Jamaica Station, 10th Nov., 1840, aged 50 years."

Ivedon, in Awliscombe, near Honiton.)

In the old burial ground, two miles beyond Half-way Tree, St. Andrew's Parish.

"Here lieth interred the body of Mr. George Bennett, who came here a soldier under General Venables, the 10th day of May, Anno Domini, 1655, and one of the first settlers. He was of a Dorsetshire family. Here also lieth interred the body of Mrs. Sarah Bennett, late wife of his grandson, the Honble George Bennett, Esqr., who departed this life the 8th day of October, Anno Domini 1733, aged 58 years, and married 39 years and 2 months. She was a wise good wife, and all that knew her, will say the same, and the only daughter of Mr. John Rosewell, a Somersetshire family. Also the bodies of seven children, Ann and Mary Rosewell,—William, John, Ann, Elizabeth, and Rebecca Bennett."

In Port Royal Parish Church.—

"Sacred to the memory of Lieut. John Love Hammick, Royal Navy, who died here of the Yellow fever, the 11th of July, 1810, in his twenty-third year, most sincerely and deservedly lamented by his afflicted father and family, of the Royal Naval Hospital, Plymouth, England."

He was the second son of Stephen Hammick, Esq., Alderman of Plymouth, (father of the first Baronet) by his wife Elizabeth Margaret, only child of John Love, Esq., of Plymouth.

In St. Michael's Cathedral, Barbados.—

"Allan Lyde, Merchant, 17 Jan., 1680."

Lyde, (Ayot St. Lawrence, Herefordshire) descended from Cornelius Lyde of Staunton-Wick, Somerset, born 1641, the last male heir, Lionel Lyde, was created a Baronet in 1772. Allen Lyde was probably of this family, which had many connections with the western colonies in the seventeenth century. Three Lydes, Edward, John and Sylvester, were transported for participation in the rebellion of 1685.

In the Parish Church of St. James, Barbados.—

"Elizabeth, wife of William Sparke, Esq., and daughter of

John Kellond, of Pangsford in the County of Devon, Esq.—ob: Oct. 15, 1672—also Joannes Sparke."

Arms.—*Checquy a bend.*

John Kellond of Pangsford, Devon, married Margaret daughter of Thomas Drewe, by his wife a daughter of Sir Peter Prideaux, Bart. The Drewes were connected with the Walronds of Ile-Brewers.

(Capt. Archer is in error here.—It was a Charles Kellond, ob: 1695, who married Margaret Drewe. The Elizabeth Kellond of the inscription was probably the daughter of John Kellond, Esq., grandfather of Charles, who purchased Painsford in 1647, Sheriff of Devon 1666, ob: 1679, by his wife Susannah daughter of Thomas Fownes of Plymouth.)

W.H.H.R.

269. EVERCREECH CHURCH TOWER.—Height of Evercreech church tower. The height of this tower, as quoted from Collinson in the description given in the March Number of *S. & D. N. & Q.* is greatly overstated. I have measured the height with a plumb-line, and found it to be just 90 ft. *to the top of the pinnacles.* The tower of Wrington is somewhat higher, but is also not remarkable for size. Some years ago I measured its base, and thence calculated its height as 100 ft. My notes are lost, however.

I have measured the plumb-line heights of two other towers, which may be useful for comparison: they are, Shepton Mallet, 100 ft. to top of stair-turret; and Chewton, 112 ft. to top of pinnacles.

F. J. ALLEN.

270. POOLE. ORDER AS TO FEES PAYABLE TO THE OFFICERS OF CUSTOMS, 1624.—The following document is entered at the end of a book containing proceedings of the Sturminster Marshall and Newton Peverell Courts 10 Oct., 1677—18 Oct., 1764, together with a few other memoranda relating to the Town and County of Poole. It is printed by the kind permission of Mrs. Parke, of Henbury, Sturminster Marshall. EDITOR FOR DORSET.

"At Whitehall the 16th of Sept. 1624.

p^r^sent

Ld President
Ld Vic' Grandison
Ld Chichester
M^r^ of ye Rolles

Whereas his Ma^ty^ vpon complaint of the house of Co̅mons agt the Offic^rs^ of the Customes as well w^th^in the Port of London as in the out Ports for taking excessive and i̅moderate fees of the Merchants & others to theire gr^t^ dicsouragem^ts^ in theire trades

did by his l'res require the Ld President, the Ld Vic' Grandeson, the Ld Brooke, Ld Chichester, Mr Comptroller and the Master of the Rolles, or any three or more of them to send for some of the Merchants of the westerne Ports, together wth some Offic^{rs} of ye sayd Ports to examine this cause and certify his Ma^{ty} thereof, since wch tyme in p^{r}sence of the said ptys, this matter had fully bin heard and examined by theire Ld^{pps} for soe much as concerneth the fees taken by the Offic^{rs} of the Port of Poole Weymouth & Lyme and all other the members of the Port of Poole. It is now Ordered in the p^{r}sence of all the said ptys, that from henceforth, vntill his Ma^{ty} shall give other order therein, the Offic^{rs} of the said Ports or any of them shall not take any other or greater fees but only such as are hereafter sett downe by this Order, as they will answere the contrary att theire pills, That is to say, for the Entry of every Barque inwards & outwards the Customer may take 6d., and the Comptroller 6d., for every Entry of Merchants goods inwards and outwards the Customer may take 8d. and the Comptroller 8d. & the Searcher 4d., for every Certificate and Portbond outwards and returne inwards (but One fee to be payd for every seu'all vessell) the Customer may take 18d. the Comptroller 18d. and ye Searcher 4d., and for every warrant of view the Customer may take 6d., the Comptroller 6d. & the Searcher 4d., for taking the Master's content and examining the same wth the M$^{r's}$ entryes and giving the Oath to the Master inwards and outwards the Customer may take (if it shall appeare that the like fee hath vsually byn payd to the Offic^{rs} of the Port of Exon 20 yeares agone) for every shipp loaden wth Salt or Corne insteed of Bushellage the Custom^{r}, Comptroller and Searcher may take 12d. a peece; for discharge of every Portbond and filing the returne of the same the Customer may take 2d. & the Comptroller 2d., for every Cockett and warrant inward and outward the Searcher may take 4d., but of all goods that pay according to pack and fardle the Searcher may take 4d., for every pack and fardle that entreth into the King's Storehouse; but of such goods as doe not enter into the K's storehouse he may take only 2d. for every pack and fardle, and of all other goods the 4d. only for the Cockett, and the Searcher may take 6d. for every Passenger, And it is further Ordered that the Mayor Bayliffes or other Magistrates in the said Port of Poole or any members thereof shall publish and give notice of the fees thus sett downe by this Order by some such course as in theire discretions they shall thinke most convenient, and that the Offic^{rs} of the Customes in the said Port and Members thereof shall publish the same by Tables to be sett vpp in theire places of office respectively vntill his Ma^{ty} shall take further Order for the publishing the same; vnder such penaltys as in his gratious wisdome he shall thinke fitt.

Concordat cũ Registro Ext^{r}. Edward Walker.

Ex. p me Ri: Albert Cler. Vill' et Com' Poole, et Mr^{u} Cottle.

271. FOREST OF GILLINGHAM.—The following letter is derived from the papers of Mr. Troyte-Chafyn-Grove.

EDITOR FOR DORSET.

"Mere 23 Martij 1651.

"Sr

There is nowe in agitiĉon a business concerning o^r pish wherein yo^u are concerned the state whereof I thought fitt to represent unto yo^u wch is thus. Vpon the disafforestaĉon of the Forrest of Gillingham there was an allowance of 100 acres layd out for the Freehold^rs and Comon of the Mannor of Mere, wch was enioyed wth the rest of the Com̃ons ever sithince that tyme, wch was about 27 yeres past. In the tyme of the troubles some of the enclosures of the Forrest were throwne open and vpon the late reenclosure, the Inh'itants of the pish laboured to have some further allowance and intrusted me in the busines whoe travelled therein, & vpon search found in the Articles annexed to the Comision for disafforestaĉon a clause, that care should be taken for the poore of Mere (who formerly had a greate pt of their maineten'nce out of the Forrest) in regard that vpon the improvemt & enclosure they were wholely cast vpon the pish, and vpon treatye wth the owners of the Forrest and in fine, I concluded with them for 80 acres in satisfacĉon of that clause in the Articles and soe agreed to accept of those 80 acres (to be imployed for the comfort and releife of the Poore) & the 100 acres (formerly layd out for Comon) in lieu & full satisfacĉon for all claymes in the Forrest as well for Comm^rs as for Poore: this the pishioners of all sorts well approued & desired me to gett setled wch I putt in order; but when the tyme of setlem^t came, some few of the pish (wch made greate vse of the Comons) would not agree to the Enclosure vnlesse the 80 acres (gotten vpon the interest of the Poore) might be vsed in com̃on as well as the 100 acres allowed to the Comon^rs although it was expressely allowed to the pish for the better support of the poore, and agreed to be *helt?* inclosed & made vse of for that purpose. And by meanes of this vnworthy opposicon of some vnworthy psons against their owne expresse consents and Agreem^ts some p^reindice is likely to befall the pish, if the busines be not wholely lost.

Nowe for that the matter is of greate consideriĉon the land being of estimaĉon worth 50^li p an. to be setled vpon the pish for ever, by the good imploymt whereof the growth of pou'ty (so much threatned) wilbe prevented, and the poore so well p-vided for, that the burthen will be much eased, and the poore people in farre better condiĉon, therefore I resolue to ioyne wth many more of the more substantiall pt, and endeauo^r to settle this (soe beneficiall a busines) vpon the pish for the releife of the poore, though it cost some charge wch I suppose shall not be much and should be glad if y^r selfe for y^r interrest would ioyne

wth vs, for whome I shalbe carefull as for my selfe: the obiec̃ons that are made are 2.

1. They say it ought to lye in Com̃on: to wch there is an answare before; and in truth, increase of Comons doe increase, not lessen poore, in my observac̃on.

2. They say, if it be held inclosed, then Zeales that haue noe Com̃ons, will haue a benefitt by lessening of the charge of the poore. this is answered thus, that this being allowed for the better support of the poore of the pish, it is greate reason that all those who did beare pt of the charge should pticipate of the releife.

Sr, my cosen Chafins desires ruñing along wth my own inclynac̃ons hath given you the trouble of this Informac̃on. My pticular interest lyes all along wth those opposers but the right lying otherwise, must make me leave them; I wish yo^u would lend ye assistance, the busines much deserves it in ye judgem^t of

Sr, yor most humble serv^t Rich: Greene.

Then follow about 4 lines of cypher.

Addressed. "To his very much honoured ffriend Richard Major Esqr these present at Hursley."

Seal: Three stags trippant; *Crest*...

Endorsed "Mr. Ric: Greene 23 March 1651 about 80 acres of Gillingham forest for ye vse of the poore of Mere."

272. Dorset Non-Parochial Registers.—Lists of Non-parochial Registers and Records in Custody of the Registrar General of Births, Deaths, and Marriages, Pursuant to 3 & 4 Vic. c. 92, and 21 Vic. c. 25. Eyre & Spottiswoode. 1859.

At page 18 will be found the Calendar of Dorset Registers answering to this description.

1. Beaminster. East St. Chapel. Independent. 1688.
   - i. Baptisms .. .. 1796-1836.
2. Blandford Forum. Independent. 1640.
   - i. Births and Baptisms .. 1760-1809.
   - ii. " " .. .. 1805-1818.
   - iii. " " .. .. 1818-1836.
   - Burials " .. .. 1819-1837.
   - iv. Burials .. .. 1803-1817.
3. Bridport. Barrack St. Independent. 1751.
   - i. Baptisms .. .. 1751-1785.
   - Deaths .. .. .. 1750-1786.
   - ii. Baptisms .. .. 1786-1795.
   - iii. Baptisms .. .. 1795-1819.
   - iv. Baptisms .. .. 1815-1836.
4. Bridport. Presbyterian. 1672.
   - i. Baptisms .. .. 1720-1764.
   - ii. " .. .. 1769-1787.

iii. „ .. .. 1764-1820.
iv. „ .. .. 1820-1837.
Burials .. .. .. 1820-1835.

5. Bridport. Wesleyan. 1809.
i. Births and Baptisms .. 1834-1837.

6. Charmouth. Independent. 1688.
i. Births and Baptisms .. 1780-1792.
ii. „ „ .. 1812-1837.
Burials .. .. 1817-1837.

7. Corfe Castle. Independent. 1810.
i. Births and Baptisms.. .. 1810-1835.

8. Dorchester. Pease Lane. Presbyterian.
i. Baptisms .. .. 1750-1828.
ii. Baptisms . .. 1829-1837.

9. Dorchester. Durngate St. Independent. 1776.
i. Births and Baptisms .. 1788-1836.

10. Dorchester. A Room in Grey House Yard, dissolved in 1826, and united with Durngate St. Lady Huntingdon's, 1822.
i. Baptisms .. .. 1822-1826.

11. Dorchester. North Square. Wesleyan. 1825.
i. Births and Baptisms .. 1831-1837.

12. Fortune's Well, Isle of Portland. Wesleyan. 1792.
i. Births and Baptisms .. 1796-1837.
ii. Burials .. .. : 1818-1837.

13. Gillingham. Wesleyan. 1790.
i. Births and Baptisms .. 1796-1824.

14. Hamworthy. Independent. 1804.
i. Births and Baptisms .. 1833-7.

15. Langton. Baptist. 1832.
i. Births .. .. .. 1833-7.

16. Lulworth Castle Chapel, near Wareham, Roman Catholic, 1786.
i. Births, Baptisms, Burials .. 1755-1840.

17. Lyme Regis, Coombe St. Independent. 1666.
i. Baptisms .. .. 1775-1797.
ii. Baptisms .. .. 1798-1836.

17A. *Lyme Regis. *Baptist.* 1823.
i. *Burials* .. .. .. 1823-1857.

18. Maiden Newton. Independent. 1799.
i. Births and Baptisms .. 1833-1835.

19. Marcombe Lake. Independent. 1831.
i. Births and Baptisms .. 1831-1837.

20. Poole. Skinner St. Independent. 1760.
i. Births and Baptisms .. 1741-1801.
ii. *Baptisms* .. .. 1768-1785.
iii. Births and Baptisms .. 1785-1794.
Burials .. .. .. 1787-1794.

iv. Births and Baptisms .. 1801-1837.
Burials .. .. .. 1802-1837.

21. Poole. Hill St. The Old Meeting. Presbyterian, 1705.
i. Births and Baptisms .. 1760-1837.
Burials .. .. .. 1766-1836.

22. Poole. Hill St. Baptist. 1815.
i. Births .. .. .. 1797-1837.

23. Poole. Wesleyan. 1794.
i. Births and Baptisms .. 1809-1820.
ii. ,, ,, ... 1819-1837.
iii. ,, ,, ... 1809-1840.

24. Portland, Isle of. Independent. 1828.
i. Births and Baptisms .. 1829-1837.

25. Shaftesbury. Wesleyan. 1766.
i. Births and Baptisms .. 1796-1839.
ii. ,, ,, ... 1824-1837.

26. Shaftesbury. Muston's Lane Chapel. Independent. 1670.
i. Births and Baptisms .. 1799-1837.

27. Sherborne. Union Chapel and Long Street Meeting (united in 1803 with the Presbyterian Interest, which commenced in 1672.) Independent 1757.
i. Baptisms .. .. 1785-1823.
ii. ,, ... 1824-1837.

28. Sherborne. Wesleyan. 1819.
i. Births and Baptisms .. 1819-1837.

29. Stalbridge. Independent.
i. Births and Baptisms .. 1810-1837.

30. Swanage. Independent. 1705.
i. Baptisms .. .. 1794-1832.
ii. ,, ... 1832-1836.

31. Sydling St. Nicholas. Hope Chapel. Independent. 1796.
i. Baptisms .. .. 1816-1835.

32. Wareham. South St. Presbyterian. 1828.
i. Births and Baptisms .. 1789-1837.

33. Wareham. West St. Independent. 1789.
i. Births and Baptisms .. 1740-1789.
ii. ,, ,, .. 1789-1802.
iii. ,, ,, .. 1806-1809.
iv. ,, ,, .. 1812-1822.
v. ,, ,, .. 1792-1837.
Burials .. .. .. 1821-1830.
vi.*Baptisms .. .. 1837-1845.

34.*Wareham. Old Meeting. Independent. 1672.
i. Baptisms .. .. 1828-1857.
Burials .. .. 1824-1857.

* Received by the Registrar General pursuant to Act 21 Vic. c. 25 from the Commissioners appointed in 1857. The Registers printed in italics received partial authentication only by the Commissioners, or are otherwise incomplete.

35. Weymouth. Bank Buildings. Baptist. 1813.
    i. Births .. .. .. 1821-1837.
36. Weymouth. St. Nicholas St. Independent about, 1687.
    i. Baptisms .. .. 1734-1823.
    ii. " .. .. .. 1823-1836.
37. Weymouth. Conygar Lane Chapel. Wesleyan. 1805.
    i. Births and Baptisms .. 1796-1829.
    ii. " " .. .. 1827-1837.
38. Wimbourne Minster. Baptist. 1787.
    i. Births .. .. .. 1778-1834.
39. Wimbourne Minster. Independent. Between 1660-1670.
    i. Births and Baptisms .. .. 1768-1837.
    Burials .. .. .. 1791-1837.

The Registers kept by the Society of Friends have also been deposited with the Registrar General in Somerset House. The Friends have, however, a full Index to all the entries contained in them, which may be consulted at the Society's Offices, Bishopsgate St. These indexes supply all the information required by the genealogical enquirer, but if a certificate from the original Register is desired, it may be obtained at Somerset House. But it is convenient, in any case, to consult the index previously, for which no charge is made by the Society.

C. H. Mayo.

273. Customs on the Eve of S. John Bapt. Day.—A record of the custom of burning watch-fires on hill-tops on S. John's Eve is found in Vol. 5 of the Somerset Record Society's Issues, p. 139.

It is buried amongst the small memorial details of the 'Rentale' of the Glastonbury estate of Longbridge Deverell, Wilts.

Certain tenants of the manor were, it appears, bound by their tenure "to watch with the Hayward on the Vigil of S. John at the extreme border of the lord's culture (*i.e.*, the arable of the lord's demesne) and to partake of one chilver lamb, and to have one bough from the lord's wood for the fire on that night."

The date of the rentale is 1234, but the custom no doubt was far older, and far spread.

Can any one fill in from other records the missing details of the observance? H.

274. Licenses of Non-Residence to Beneficed Clergy for Academical Study.—The following is translated from fo. 75b of Bp. Drokensford's Register, Wells. It is a sample of numerous entries.

To Adam de Poulshille, Rector of Badyalton, May, 1315. Because the Church requires learned sons, We, listening to your

praiseworthy purpose of following academical studies, grant you dispensation for one year at Oxford or elsewhere in England, where there is a "studium generale," that you may be able to persevere in literary study, and thereby render fruit to the Church. Provided, that your benefice shall not be defrauded of its due services and the cure of souls be not neglected; and that you appoint meanwhile a fitting agent (procurator) who shall duly answer to us and to other ordinaries (*i.e.*, in temporalities) and be able to supply what is needful to the Chaplain serving your Church.

The above evidences a state of clerical discipline and efficiency which is credible only to those who dip into Episcopal registers of the 14th and following centuries.

The registers of all dioceses, as far as published, present the same features.

In his preface to the Register of Bishop Drokensford of Bath and Wells, the Editor (Bishop Hobhouse) has devoted two pages, xxiii-iv., to the state of the beneficed clergy under Bishop Drokensford, who in 1323 condemned his own laxity, and promised, but did not perform, a stricter use of his prerogative of dispensation.

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NOTICE OF BOOK.

275. MEDALS AND DECORATIONS OF THE BRITISH ARMY AND NAVY, by John Horsley Mayo, late Assistant Military Secretary to the India Office. With numerous coloured plates and illustrations. Westminster, Archibald Constable and Co., 2 Whitehall Gardens, 1897 [all rights reserved]. Two volumes. Royal 8vo. Pp. lxxxviii, 617. Price three guineas.

Our readers may be glad to hear of the approaching issue of these volumes. The author, Mr. J. H. Mayo, had devoted many years to their preparation, and upon his death, when the printing had just begun, the editing of the MS. was committed to the Dorset Editor of *S. & D. N. & Q.*

The work consists of some 705 pages, inclusive of a comprehensive introduction, and contains an account of British Naval and Military Medals and Decorations, from their first issue to the present day. It is illustrated with 55 plates, many of them coloured, and all beautifully executed by Messrs. Maclure & Co., of 97 Queen Victoria Street, London.

The leading feature of the work is the publication of the documents and correspondence connected with the issue of the Medals, &c., obtained from the various Government Offices, and it is believed that the book will prove a standard authority on the subject with which it deals. The Queen has graciously accepted the dedication.

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THE 'MONMOUTH TREE', WHITE LACKINGTON.

276. DESTRUCTION OF THE "MONMOUTH TREE" AT WHITE LACKINGTON:—(V.xxxvii., 175). The storm on Ash Wednesday, the 3rd of March, 1897, will be long remembered by the inhabitants of South Somerset. It began about midnight and by 4 a.m. it was blowing a hurricane; soon after that hour a lull took place, but by 8 o'clock it again raged with a force which, culminating in a blast about 9 o'clock, levelled many a noble tree in the district. Coming from the S.E, it well nigh wrecked the celebrated cedar lawn at Hinton House; it uprooted one of the fine old vicarage elms at South Petherton, chronicled by the late Mr. Chisholm Batten, in vol. 37 of the Proceedings of the "Somerset Archæological and Natural History Society"; and destroyed the historic sweet chestnut ycleped "Monmouth Tree" in White Lackington Park.

Some of your readers may recall the tradition that when the ill-fated Duke of Monmouth made his quasi-royal 'progress' in the West, during the summer of 1680, he partook of a banquet under the sheltering branches of this 'Monarch of the Woods.' I use the word 'tradition' advisedly, for though I am a firm believer in the truth of the story, I cannot find that there is any absolute record of the fact.

A scarce little 8vo in the writer's possession, entitled "An Historical Account of The Heroick Life and Magnanimous Actions of the Most Illustrious Prince, James Duke of Monmouth, &c.," printed in London in 1683, affords however some slight corroboration of the story in the following narrative:—

> In the month of August, 1680, the "Duke went into the country to divert himself, visiting several gentlemen in the West of *England*, by whom he was received and entertained with a gallantry suitable to the greatness of his Birth, and the relation he stood in to his Majesty; incredible numbers of people flocking from all the adjacient (*sic*) parts to see this great Champion of the *English* Nation, who had been so successful against both the *Dutch*, *French*, and *Scots*.
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> He went first into *Wiltshire*, and was pleased to honour the worthy Esquire *Thyn* with his company for some days. *
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> From thence he went to Mr. *Speak's* in *Summerset-shire*, in which progress he was caressed with the joyful acclamations of the country people, who came from all parts 20 miles about, Lanes and Hedges being every where lined with men, Women and Children, who with incessant shouts cryed, God bless King *Charles* and the Protestant Duke. In some Towns and Parishes which he passed through they Strewed the Streets and Highways where he was to pass with Herbs and Flowers, especially at Ilchester and Pithyton †; others presenting him with Bottles of Wine. When he came within 10 miles of Mr. *Speak's*, he was met by 2000 persons on horseback, whose numbers still increased as they

* This was at Longleat, the residence of the popular "Tom o' Ten Thousand; the "Issachar" of Pope's "Absalom and Achitophel."

† South Petherton.

drew nearer to Mr. *Speak's*, and when they arrived there, they were reputed to be 20000; wherefore they were forced to break down several pearch of his Park Pailes to inlarge their passage to the house, where his Grace and all his numerous Company were entertained, and treated in an extraordinary manner."

The evident object of the "Heroick Life," was to ingratiate the Duke with the populace, especially in the West of England where the feeling of the working men, as well as the leading gentry, against the Romish church, was particularly strong. Indeed it would appear, by the light of later events, as if even at this date some plan of the 1685 raid had begun to formulate itself in the minds of Monmouth's friends and supporters, in anticipation of what was likely to occur on the death of Charles II. Mr. George Roberts, in the preface to his "Life of Monmouth," has remarked that "Tradition with respect to the Rebellion has become too much obscured to be relied upon," but he has recorded nothing that would tend to shake one's belief in the tradition above alluded to.

We have seen that contemporary history records the fact of the Duke's visiting Mr. Speke at White Lackington, in the summer of 1680, accompanied by a very large following, and that they were sumptuously regaled on their arrival at his hospitable mansion. The numbers, though in all likelihood over-estimated, were assuredly considerable; far too great indeed to favour the idea of their being entertained within the house—what then so natural as that a repast should be set out for them, in picnic fashion, under the wide spreading branches of the venerable chestnut that crested the park almost within a stone's throw of the squire's porch, as shown in the accompanying illustration reproduced from an excellent photograph by Mr. R. J. Lambert, of Ilminster? This portrait of the picturesque old tree, and the annexed table of admeasurements, kindly furnished by Prebendary Gowring, rector of the parish, warrant the opinion that apart from its character as an historic land mark, it was in itself a remarkable object, and worthy of a special obituary notice.

It was probably many centuries old. Experts tell us that the sweet chestnut is a plant of slow growth, and very long lived. Although the tree in question showed evident signs of wear and tear in its perennial struggle against wind and storm, it continued to throw out foliage enough each successive spring, to afford a welcome shelter for sheep and cattle.

Its dimensions were as follows:—

Diameter at foot	12ft. 3in.
Girth at mid-trunk	25ft.
Girth at top of trunk	25ft.
Height from bole to ditto	17ft.
Total height of tree	49ft.

With respect to its probable age, one can of course only

make an approximate guess, but a comparison with the size of another well known historical tree may help us in making some calculation, not altogether wild, in this matter.

In Knight's 'English Cyclopædia' (1854) we read as follows:

> "In the Department of the CHER, near *Sancerre*, there is still standing a tree of this species (sweet chestnut) which at 6 feet from the ground measures more than 30 feet in circumference and is to all appearance still sound. It is stated that 600 years ago this was called the 'Great Chestnut Tree,' and its actual age is computed at 1000 years."

Granting then the correctness of the above extract, there would be nothing extravagant in computing the age of the White Lackington Tree as bordering on 800 years; and this would carry its infancy back pretty nearly to the days when the Conqueror's brother, Robert de Mortain, ruled the whole of this west country from his stronghold on the hill overlooking Montacute.

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277. DORSET ADMINISTRATIONS.—*Continued.*—(II. ix. 10, x. 49, xi. 78, xii. 113, xiii. 150, xiv. 178, xv. 217, xvi. 242, III. xvii. 8, xviii. 57, xix. 94, xx. 151, xxi. 183, xxii. 233, xxiii. 279, xxiv. 323, IV. xxv. 11, xxvi. 38, xxvii. 77, xxviii. 123, xxix. 173, xxx. 209, xxxi. 251, xxxii. 298, V. xxxiii. 11, xxxiv. 46, xxxv. 87, xxxvi. 127, xxxvii. 168, xxxviii. 213, xxxix. 245).

1691.

Folio.	Name of Deceased.	Parish.	Grantee and Relationship to deceased.	Date of Administration.
21	Beaton, Henry	Over Compton	Mary, relict; further grant June, 1712	20 Feb., 1691
201	Blandford, Thomas, bach.	Poole, died at Surinam	Henry, brother, during absence of Dorothy Sewell, mother	21 Nov., 1691
189	Browning, Phillippa, widow	Beer Regis	Eleanor, wife of John Samways, daughter	1 Oct., 1691
96	Burridge, John	Stockland	Mary, relict	12 June, 1691
21	Collingdon, Thomas	Broadwinsor	John Beare attorney of Grace, relict	6 Feb., 1691
96	Combe, Joseph, bach.	Pulham	Elizabeth, widow, mother	25 June, 1691
78	Compton al's Fowke, Susanna	Symondsbury	Arthur Fowke, arm, husband	19 May, 1691
196	Cox, Robert	Fifehead Magdalen died at St. Margarets, Westminster	Stephen Pearce, principal creditor	24 Nov., 1691
96	Crode, Hugh Fowke al's Compton	Dorchester See Compton	Mary, relict	10 June, 1691

Folio.	Name of Deceased.	Parish.	Grantee and Relationship to deceased.	Date of Administration.
157	Freke, Edmund, bach.	Upway, died in ship "Royal Victory" at Chatham	Robert, father	23 Sept., 1691
157	Freke, Ralph, bach.	Upway, died in ship "Golden Lion"	Robert, father	23 Sept., 1691
189	Gaylard, Edward	Wootton Fitzpaine died in ship "Expedition"	Mary, relict	10 Oct., 1691
157	Gibbes, Christopher, bach.	Portland, died in ship "Rupert"	William, brother	1 Sept., 1691
200	Gollopp, John, bach.	Wansley	Peter, brother	19 Nov., 1691
96	Gough, Francis, clerk	Stockland	Mary, relict	27 June, 1691
161	Greene, Peter, bach.	Weymouth died in ship "Bristol"	Peter, father	30 Sept., 1691
3	Greene, William, bach.	Wareham died in ship "Lion"	Henry, brother	17 Jan., 1691
224	Hart, Francis	Poole, died in ship "Princess Anne"	Elizabeth, relict	23 Dec., 1691
142	Janes, Edward	Sutton, died in ship "Portland"	William Clapcott, attorney of Frances, widow, mother	13 Aug., 1691
65	Jenkins, Julian, bach.	Arskerswell	Edmund, brother	4 Apl., 1691
190	Jupe, Robert, bach.	Crawford Magna, died in ship "Victory"	John Jupe, cousin	3 Oct., 1691
119	Lewen, Henry, bach.	Wimborn Minster	Henry, father	4 July, 1691
224	Meader, Thomas	Dorchester	Jane, relict	9 Dec., 1691
119	Minterne, Humphrey	Weymouth died in ship "Portsmouth"	Benjamin Chapple, attorney of William Barry, principal creditor; Hannah, relict, renouncing	23 July, 1691
46	Newell, John, bach.	Lyme Regis died at sea	Jane, wife of Stephen Bowditch, sister	24 Mar., 1691
43	Nynum, Thomas, bach.	Corfe Castle died in ship "Warspight"	John Goodwin, attorney of John, father	30 Mar., 1691
3	Oakley, Roger	Poole, died in ship "Hannibal"	Robert White, attorney of Elizabeth, relict	17 Jan., 1691
23	Painter, William, Doctor in Medicine	Knighton Canford Magna	John Harding, principal creditor; Mary, relict, renouncing	10 Feb., 1691

Folio.	Name of Deceased.	Parish.	Grantee and Relationship to deceased.	Date of Administration.
224	Penne, George	Toller Welm	George, son; Elizabeth, relict, renouncing	15 Dec., 1691
27	Philpott, John, widr.	Poole, died in ship "Montague"	John Corne, guardian of John, son	2 Feb., 1691
96	Pitt, Jane, widow,	Dorchester	Mary, wife of George Gould, daughter; further grant, May, 1713	4 June, 1691
224	Pittman, John	Lillington	Joan, relict	14 Dec., 1691
225	Plucknett, Thomas	Bridport	Mary, relict	16 Dec., 1691
158	Riddout, John	Langton Matravers	Mary, wife of Lionel Yeelder, daughter	8 Sep., 1691
200	Roy, Edward	Melcombe Regis	Mary, relict	24 Nov., 1691
139	Seager, Robert	Fordington	Joane, relict	11 Aug., 1691
168	Serrell, John	Poole, died in ship "Exeter"	Elizabeth, relict	19 Oct., 1691
225	Shutler, Michael	Litchet Minster	Mary, relict	10 Dec., 1691
201	Strangwayes, William, bach.	Melbury Sandford died at Athlone, Ireland	Mary, wife of William Simpson, sister; revoked, fresh grant July, 1693	24 Nov., 1691
4	Waye, Christopher	Poole, died in ship "Warspight"	Rebecca, wife of Walter White, attorney of Margaret, relict	17 Jan., 1691
6	Williams, William	Poole, died in ship "Coronation"	Rebecca, wife of Walter White, attorney of Richard Williams	17 Jan., 1691

1692.

129	Barber, Elizabeth	Weymouth	Elizabeth Hamell al's Barber, wife of James Hamell, granddaughter	8 July, 1692
164	Bazill, William	Poole, died in ship "Assistance"	Sarah, relict	27 Sep., 1692
86	Bludworth, William	Puddle Trenthide	Elizabeth, widow, mother	23 May, 1692
164	Bolt, John, bach.	Weymouth died in ship "Archangel"	Grace, widow, mother	16 Sep., 1692
144	Bowles, William	Poole	Frances, relict	30 Aug., 1692
4	Bright, Nicholas	Hamworthy died in ship "Bristol"	Eleanor, relict	4 Jan., 1692
101	Brome, Richard	West Milton	Juliana, relict	15 June, 1692
164	Cary, John	Bridport, died in ship "St. Andrew"	Anne, relict	1 Sep., 1692
67	Churchill, Henry, gent.	Dorchester	Elizabeth, relict	9 Apl., 1692
101	Clare, William	Weymouth died in ship "Windsor Castle"	Edith, relict	10 June, 1692

Folio.	Name of Deceased.	Parish.	Grantee and Relationship to deceased.	Date of Administration.
130	Cooke, John, bach.	died in ship "St. Albans"	George Cooke, son and attorney of Samuel Cooke, now of Weymouth, father	7 July, 1692
164	Crosse, Henry	Poole	Thomas Crosse, guardian of Elizabeth and Hannah, children of deceased	12 Sep., 1692
164	Cuttance, Joseph	Melcombe Regis	Susanna, relict	17 Sep., 1692
86	Dashwood, John	Dorchester	Grace, relict	3 May, 1692
148	Domine, Stephen, bach.	died in ship "Bristol"	Jane, wife of George Pattison now abroad, attorney of Robert Domine, now of East Lulworth, father	27 Aug., 1692
221	Durell, John	Poole, died in Barbadoes	Eleanor, relict	20 Dec., 1692
126	Durham, John	Poole, died at Portsmouth	Magdalen, relict	2 July, 1692
145	Farr, Nicholas, bach.	Abbotsbury died in ship "Mordaunt"	Thomasina, spr., sister	5 Aug., 1692
33	Frampton, Thomas	Dorchester died in ship "Greenwich"	Mary, relict	12 Feb., 1692
204	Gally, James	Langton Matravers died in ship "Essex"	John Weston attorney of Catherine, relict	2 Nov., 1692
101	Glye, John	Newton Abbott died in ship "Milford"	Elizabeth, wife of William Lentour attorney of Bridget Shapley, aunt (father's side) and next of kin	19 June, 1692
126	Hallett, Thomas	Bridport, died in ship "St. Andrew"	Abigail, relict	14 July, 1692
204	Harding al's Haysome, Theodosia	Woolcombe Matravers	Nicholas Harding, gent., husband	11 Nov., 1692
185	Holloway, George	Weymouth died at Chatham	Mary, wife of Joseph Dudley, sister, during absence of John, father	1 Oct., 1692
146	Jarrett, Robert, bach.	Poole, died in ship "The Hope"	Eli Duffett, principal creditor	15 Aug., 1692
165	Jones, John	Lyme, died at East Greenwich	Mary, relict	26 Sep., 1692
185	Kebby, Bartholomew	Stockland	John, son; Mary, now wife of George Loring, relict renouncing	5 Oct., 1692
45	Lea, Nicholas, bach.	Bridport, died in ship "Sheerness"	Juliana, widow, mother	7 Mar., 1692
34	Levett, William	Dorchester died in ship "Bristol"	Elizabeth, relict	8 Feb., 1692

Folio.	Name of Deceased.	Parish.	Grantee and Relationship to deceased.	Date of Administration.
130	Long, James	Athelhampton	Gabriel Armiger, principal creditor	28 July, 1692
80	Meader, John	Dorchester	Elizabeth, relict	23 May, 1692
222	Meech, William	Long Bredy	Joane, relict	24 Dec., 1692
185	Melmoth, John	Sanwich Purbeck	William Melmoth, cousin and guardian of Susanna, Judith, Phineas and John children. Cecily relict being dead	17 Oct., 1692
87	Mocher, Richard	Weymouth	Sarah, relict; further grant Oct., 1708	2 May, 1692
87	Norman, William	Lillington	Hannah, relict	2 May, 1692
67	Northover, Thomas, bach.	"Punt Nole" died in ship "Expedition"	Thomas, father	4 Apl., 1692
102	Payne, John	"Epe," Symondsbury died in ship "Expedition"	William, brother	17 June, 1692
45	Perratt, George	Bourton Gillingham	Richard, brother; Martha, relict, John, George, Thomas and Mary children, not appearing	5 Mar., 1692
165	Pitman, Roger, bach.	Poole, died in ship "Mary"	Mary, widow, mother	22 Sep., 1692
102	Prior al's Parmiter, John, bach.	Broadway died in ship "Crown"	James, brother	30 June, 1692
34	Saunders, Jonathan	Weymouth	Anne, relict	6 Feb., 1692
214	Seager, James, bach.	Dorchester died in ship "Burford"	Elizabeth, widow, mother	9 Nov., 1692
5	Spencer, Jacob	Weymouth died in ship "Bristol"	Elizabeth, relict	28 Jan., 1692
166	Standerd, Nicholas	Poole died in ship "Mary"	Sarah Bazell, attorney of Hannah, relict	27 Sep., 1692
166	Stone, Richard	Lyme Regis died at sea	Hannah, relict	16 Sep., 1692
11	Stroode, Nicholas, bach.	Weymouth died in ship "Orange"	Anne Motcher al's Stroode, widow, sister	2 Jan., 1692
87	Sturton, Richard	Wyke Regis died at sea	Richard Bury, principal creditor; Elizabeth, relict, renouncing	14 May, 1692
87	Toogood, George	Frampton	Jane, relict	27 May, 1692
34	Tyderleigh, Elizabeth, spr.	Chardstock	Anne, wife of George Bowdich, mother	18 Feb., 1692
102	Uvedale, Elizabeth, wid.	Horton	William, ar., son	18 June, 1692
176	Wadham, Benjamin	Poole, died in Barbadoes	Jane, relict	3 Oct., 1692
127	White, Robert	Dorchester died in St. Botolph, Aldersgate St., London	James Cooke, principal creditor; Rebecca, relict, renouncing	21 July, 1692

Folio.	Name of Deceased.	Parish.	Grantee and Relationship to deceased.	Date of Administration.
127	Williams, George, bach.	Herringstone died in Ireland	John Miller, gen., attorney of Robert, ar., father	7 July, 1692
166	Wilson, Simon	Weymouth died in ship "Montague"	Rachel, widow, mother	1 Sep., 1692
145	Yardley, Richard	Melcombe Regis	Elizabeth, relict	16 Aug., 1692
		1693.		
148	Abbott, James, bach.	Simondsbury died in ship "Expedition"	John Dennis, attorney of James, father	5 Aug., 1693
211	Baker, Hugh	Dorchester	James, son	13 Nov., 1693
70	Barker, John	Weymouth died in ship "St. Martin"	Othniel Barker, cousin; Amy, mother, renouncing	18 Sep., 1693
26	Beere, Simon, bach.	Weymouth died in ship "Warspight"	Mary, widow, mother	10 Feb., 1693
187	Bernard, Robert	Weymouth	Mary, relict	7 Oct., 1693
81	Biles, Alexander	Dorchester	John, son; Dorothy, relict, dying before administering	23 Mar., 1693
81	Bryar, Robert	Weymouth	Mary, relict	2 Apl., 1693
22	Collins, William, bach.	Wivenhoe Co. Essex	Robert Howell, attorney of John Collins, now in Co. Dorset, brother	3 Feb., 1693
26	Devenish, Nicholas, bach.	Gillingham died at Bombay	Henry, brother	11 Feb., 1693
211	Fowke, Arthur, ar.	Symondsbury	Elizabeth Clutterbuck, daughter	17 Nov., 1693
62	Hann, James, clk.	Poole	Mary, relict	10 Apl., 1693
212	Hardy, Richard, bach.	Sidling, died at Smyrna	Francis Devenish, junr., nephew (sister's side); Sarah Devenish, sister, renouncing	23 Nov., 1693
235	Hill, Thomas	"Sturmister New Castle"	Mary, relict	8 Dec., 1693
123	Hodder, Edward, junr.	Stepleton	Margaret, mother	22 July, 1693
123	Hodder, Edward	Stepleton	Margaret, relict	22 July, 1693
170	Hodges, Hugh, ar. serjeant-at-law	Sherborne	Hugh, ar., son	8 Sep., 1693
148	Hutchins, Thomas, bach.	Weymouth died in Barbadoes	Thomas, father	3 Aug., 1693
48	Lawrence, John, junr., bach.	Law Lee	Anthony Floyer, John Gould, ar., James Gould, Lawrence Purchase and Robert Mellier, guardians of Elizabeth, sister	24 Mar., 1693

Folio.	Name of Deceased.	Parish.	Grantee and Relationship to deceased.	Date of Administration.
187	Lowe, Edward	Chettle	John Grove, nephew (sister's side) revoked, fresh grant in Nov.	10 Oct., 1693
212	Low, Edward, bach.	Chettle	Francis Heath, nephew (sister's side)	28 Nov., 1693
148	Maltby, William	Sherborne	Grace, relict	7 Aug., 1693
124	Masters, Thomas	Shaston	John Haskell and John Ford, principal creditors; Sarah, relict, and Mary and Sarah children, renouncing	28 July, 1693
124	Millett, John	Poole	Edward Parsons, principal creditor; Eliza, relict (renouncing ?)	11 July, 1693
49	Newberry, John	Chardstock	Joane, widow, mother	22 Mar., 1693
235	Painter, Robert	Weymouth died in ship "Expedition"	Edith, relict	8 Dec., 1693
27	Persley, Henry	Poole, died in ship "York"	Sarah Bazell, widow, attorney of Elizabeth, relict	17 Feb., 1693
49	Prittle, Richard, bach.	Poole	Dennis Smith, principal creditor; Mary Mogg al's Keene and Martha Mogg al's Keene, sisters, renouncing	30 Mar. 1693
124	Rootes, John, bach.	Chidiock	Robert Wakeman, cousin	10 July, 1693
101	Russel, George	Hampreston	Jane Vere al's Frampton, wife of William Vere of St. Martin's in Fields, Middx.	19 June, 1693
49	Savage, William, ar.	Deane	Grace, relict	6 Mar., 1693
124	Scovill, John	Tatton	Mary, relict	7 July, 1693
187	Stoodley, Sarah, widow	Dorchester	Christopher, son	25 Oct., 1693
27	Sydenham, William, bach.	"Monford Eagle"	William, father	6 Feb., 1693
149	Udall, Thomas	Netherbury died in ship "St. Andrew"	Thomas Strode, gent., guardian of Thomas, son	29 Aug., 1693
27	Vye, Henry	Watercombe Warmell	Margaret, relict	11 Feb., 1693
149	Walling, Thomas	Weymouth died in ship "Neptune"	Jane, relict	3 Aug., 1693
121	Wayman, Richard	Berwick, died in ship "Assistance"	Mary, wife of Richard Bennett attorney of Catherine, widow, now in Co. Dorset, mother of deceased	14 July, 1693
97	Wise, Philip, bach.	Poole, died in West Indies	George, uncle (father's side)	28 June, 1693
124	Woolfreys, Henry, widr.	Beer Kings died in ship "Hibernia"	Anne, spr., daughter	3 July, 1693

(To be continued.) GEO. S. FRY.

278. Omission in Eyton's Domesday Studies—Somerset—[Unless otherwise stated, the references are to this work, 2 vols, 1880.] After the appearance of Sir J. Maclean's account of the Clevedon family in the Som. Arch. and N. H. S. Proc. XLI. ii. 1-37, the Rev. F. W. Weaver pointed out that authorities were much divided on the proper identification of Milton (Clevedon) among the Domesday manors of that name. Eyton and Collinson held it to be Walter de Dowai's manor of Milton, which gelded for 1½ Hides. At least Collinson has this in the Domesday part of Vol. I. pp. 36, 43; in his account of Milton I. 222, he overlooks this, and says that it is not mentioned in the Norman Survey. Phelps and Maclean considered that it was the Milton of Matthew de Moritania which gelded for 10 H. As the Clevedon family, whose connection with Clevedon and Milton * is patent, claimed the former in 1188 by reason of their descent from Hildebert, who was M. de Moritania's undertenant at both places temp. Domesday, it is clear that the latter identification is the correct one.

I then examined Eyton's second volume to see where he placed the Milton of M. de Moritania, but after a careful search it was evident that he had omitted it altogether. This is all the more curious as in the Table of Fiefs ii. 43, M. de Moritania is credited with the full amount of his Somerset Manors—Milton 10 H; Clevedon 5 H, 2 V., 2 F.; Chelvey 1 H.; total 16 H., 2 V., 2 F.

I say curious, because, in spite of this omission, the totals in the Hundred Table ii. 7, and in the Fief Table ii. 43 agree, which, as an item included in one is excluded from the other, showed that there must be another error in the calculations. In fact there are several, and since Eyton's work is generally used as a foundation for local histories, it will be as well to have them set down, though not in malice.

In the Hundred table ii. 7, Whitstone H. is entered as containing 118 hides, while in the analysis of the Hundred, p. 33, the items make a total of 120 hides. The Count of Moretain's manor of Charlton is entered twice over; firstly in Milborne (now Horethorne) Hundred, as part of Charlton Horethorne alias Camvil, and then as Charlton Adam in Somerton H. Mr. J. Batten in Historical Notes on South Somerset, p. 125, traces the history of the manor of Charlton Adam, not indeed to Reg. de Valletort the tenant temp. Domesday, but to another tenant of the Count of Moretain, Haimo, who seems to have succeeded Reginald soon after 1086. On the other hand Horethorne Hundred without Charlton is 5 hides short of the figures given in the

* For a very early notice of connection of Clevedon family with Milton C. see Bruton Cartulary No. 117, where the Bishop named is not Robert Burnell but the earlier Robert of Lewes 1136-1166.

Geld Inquest, and only 3 out of the 40 Hundreds in the County show as great a discrepancy. Yet I have never noticed that Charlton Horethorne (Canvill) nor any part of it is ever reckoned as a fee of Moreton, which as they were only assessed at two-thirds of an ordinary fee caused them to be carefully noted. At present the question must be left open, but in any case 5 hides must be deducted from the totals in ii, 7.

Then three Manors are entered incorrectly:

Cari in Somerton Hundred, the property of Roger Arundel, is really 3 V., 3 F., not 3 H., 3 V.; Kaivert in Frome, held by Turstin fitz Rolf is 2 V., not 2 H.; and Perredeham in Cannington H., held by Roger Corcelle, is 2 F., not 2 V. So on the one side there are to be added Milton 10 H. and Whitstone H. additional 2 H.; on the other to be subtracted Charlton 5 H. + the net difference in the 3 errors noticed above, 4·2·3, = 9·2·3; a net increase of 2 H., 1 V., 1 F.

Let us now turn to the Fief Table ii. 43. Again with an enormous amount of accurate calculations, there are some little corrections to be made. The Bishop of Coutances has 5 hides more than in the Table, the Count of Moretain 2 H., 1 V., 3 F. less, Roger Corcelle 2 H., 3 V., 2 F. less, Glastonbury Abbey 3 H., 2 V., less, Gislebert fil. Turold ½ hide more, the 'Addita' and 'Ablata' not reckoned elsewhere are 4 H., 2 V., 1½ F. less. The Bishop of Winchester's estate must be lessened by exactly 15 hides, and I am afraid that the alteration follows after 'as flat burglary as ever was committed.' There were 15 hides at Bleadon in the custody of the Bishop 'de victu monachorum de Winton,' which are firstly reckoned as part of the Bishop's fief, then given separately as a distinct holding, and, to make matters worse, bracketed with the Bishop of Salisbury's fief ii, 43. The greatest alteration is in the fief of William de Moion, which must be increased by 26 hides odd, from 79 H., 3 V., 2 F., to 106 H., 0 V., 1½ F., thus making him as great a magnate in the county as W. de Dowai, and Roger Corcelle, or the Bishop of Winchester himself. The net result of these changes is the same as in the Hundred table.

Anyone desirous of arriving at the exact area (geld) of Somerset, must also allow for the fact that the hide is reckoned by Eyton to contain only 48 acres 'but he leaves us utterly at a loss to tell how he came by this computation,*' instead of 120, the number accepted by most students of Domesday. As however I have only found 41 geld-acres in the whole county, the net decrease will be infinitesimal.

Room has now been found for the omitted manor within the limits of the county, but before the larger Middleton can be substituted for the smaller in the Hundred of Bruton, another point

* Maitland, Domesday Book and Beyond, p. 486.

must be settled. In his first volume, Eyton tabulates an analysis of the Geld Inquest, which gives the quantity of hides, &c., in each Hundred; and a great part of his labours were directed to connecting the manors named in the Survey with the tenants named in the Inquest. Only two classes of names appear, (1) the 'Barones Regis' whose land 'in dominio suo' was exempt, (2) the undertenants who had not paid their 'geld'; and as Matthew de Moritania had sub-let Middleton to Hildebert, his own name would not appear in the first class; and if Hildebert and his men had paid up, they would not appear in the second; therefore it is not surprising that the Inquest on this point is neutral.

Still the substitution of 10 H. for 1½ H. might be supposed to disarrange the figures originally compiled in 1084 A.D. The way out of the difficulty will be found, I think, in Eyton's note on Queen's Camel (I. 115). This was a 'comital manor' now part of the 'Terra Regis,' and Eyton considers that the assessors of Bruton Hundred omitted to mention the 5 hides 'in dominio Regis,' yet levied geld on the 10 hides in the occupation of the villains. But in every other comital manor, where the Inquest has been preserved, Bath, Congresbury, Chewton, Henstridge, Keynsham, the Manors in Williton Hundred, the land either in the King's hand, or in the tenure of his villeins is exempted in a special clause, I. 129, 136; the manors being reckoned in the Hundred, and not as extrahundredal like the 'terra regis' ab antiquo. Now I suggest that the assessors of Bruton Hundred treated Camel as if it were a royal manor de jure as well as de facto. The omission of any reference to the 'dominium' of the king is explained, and the place of the villeins' holding is taken by Middleton.

The vacuum, caused by the ejection of the smaller Milton, I propose to fill up by bringing into the Hundred the manor of Eslide 2 H., the property of Roger Arundel, and one of the very few manors for which Eyton could not find a local habitation. In Domesday it comes at the end of a list of Roger's manors, all lying on the east side of the county: Beckington, Berkeley, Merston (Bigot), Pen (selwood), Eslide. Although there is no such place to be found on the map now, Leigh Common and Leigh Down at the foot of the hill on which Penselwood is perched, seem to preserve Eslide, and they are partly in the modern parish.

Even if the identification of Eslide with Leigh can be shown to be impossible, the difference between the figures of the Inquest and the Survey will be less than in several other Hundreds. The alterations suggested above would affect the figures of Bruton Hundred thus: Geld Inquest 232 H., 3 V., 0 F., + Camel 15 H., =247·3·0; Domesday 237·0·1, + Milton 10 H., + Eslide 2 H., —lesser Milton 1½ H., =247,2,1.

It only now remains to find a home for the lesser Milton.

One reason which influenced Eyton in his identification of Dowai's Milton with Milton Clevedon was that this manor, as early as 1166, was a fief of Henry Lovel who was then in possession of many of Dowai's manors. No one knows how the Lovels acquired the Barony of Cary; if granted by the King, Milton being so close may have been added to increase its value. Hildebert may have commended himself to the Lord of Cary Castle. Or Lovel may have annexed it; Drogo de Montacute complained in 1166 that Henry Lovell had deforced him of a knight's fee, and other people may have had reason to make the same complaint. At all events the evidence of Domesday (Exchequer and Exeter) puts Dowai's Milton on the opposite side of the county. It is a strange coincidence that Sir Henry Ellis and Eyton should both have had difficulty with the position of this place. Ellis cites it as a case of a manor registered in one record (Exchequer) and omitted in the other (Exeter). Eyton puts him right on this point, observing that it is there, though not in the same sequence (of manors) in the two books, 'in fact we could hardly conclude from the Exeter Domesday that the manor was that which is now called Milton Clevedon, but for the superior arrangement of the Exchequer list.' (i, 5, 6.) On this it must be remarked in the first place that the much lauded sequence of the Exchequer book puts it between Bratton St. Maur and Wincanton, some miles out of its proper place; and then that this position is due to an oversight of the scribe of the Domesday book, who omitted Milton from its proper place, and had to add it at the bottom of the column, immediately below Bratton St. Maur. That this is really the case will appear by an examination of the photozincograph copy of Domesday, plate xix, col. 1. Perhaps omission is too harsh a word, for on looking up the column, a gap will be noticed below the entry relating to Worle (which is succeeded by Milton in the Exeter book) much wider than that generally allowed between the paragraphs. It looks as if the scribe had intentionally omitted to make an entry there at the time, but left a space which turned out to be too small for the purpose; and so he had to enter it at the bottom of the page.

The entries of Worle and Milton are succeeded in the Exchequer book by a group of manors in N. Petherton Hundred, and by a group in Bempstone Hundred in the Exeter book. In neither Hundred is there at the present time any place called Milton. Worle is in Winterstoke Hundred, close to Weston-s.-Mare, and still closer to the village of Milton. The Domesday prototype of Milton is set down by Eyton as the manor of Anschetil Parcarius, 1 H., and the Geld Inquest gives positive evidence on the point. But it is quite possible that Milton may have been divided, and Eyton i. 205, actually alludes to two estates in this very Milton, though he says nothing more of the

second. That Worle and Milton were held together in after years appears in Collinson's account of the property of Woodspring Priory, founded c. 1210, iii 594: 'Henry and John Engayne gave the manor of Worle, and the homages and service of all his (*sic*) free tenants in Worle, Milton . . . . &c.'

In conclusion: Milton and Worle have the same lord 1086; they have the same tenant c. 1240; there is a Milton close to Worle at the present day; and the inference is that this Milton (or part of it) is the Domesday manor of Walter de Dowai.

E. H. BATES.

279. QUAKERS IN DORSET AND SOMERSET. *Continued.* (V. xxxvii.197, xxxviii. 214, xxxix. 239).—

1712. William Coate of Grinton was prosecuted in the Exchequer, at the Suit of Barbara Beavan, Executrix to the Rector of Grinton. [Committed to Ilchester Goal in December 1713.]

Charles Bewsey and his Wife were prosecuted in the Exchequer, at the Suit of Hugh Lambert Parson of Mudford. [He, for a Demand of £7 10/- was first taken up on an Attachment in November 1712. In September 1713, he and his Wife were committed to Prison, and kept close Prisoners from their family of 7 children; and in the Month call'd January following, were brought up to London, and then had Liberty given them till the next Term. On the 15th of the Month call'd June 1714, they were again brought up to the Exchequer Bar, and committed to the Fleet Prison. In the Month call'd April 1717, his Goods were seized to the Value of £9 15/-, also his Freehold Estate worth about £30 *per Annum*, which with the Fruit the first year was worth £36: also another Estate of upwards of £20 *per Annum* kept 2 years, £40. So that he had taken from him in all to the Value of £85 15/- (beside his suffering Imprisonment above 5 years) for an Original Demand of £7 10/-]

William Tilly was prosecuted in the Exchequer for a Demand of £3 *per Annum* for 8 years Tithes, at the Suit of the said Hugh Lambert Vicar of Mudford.

1713. George Besgrove of Muchelney was prosecuted in the Ecclesiastical Court for small Tithes, at the Suit of Thomas Cooksley, Tithe-farmer. [The Demand was £1 2/6 *per Annum*, for 4 or 5 years small Tithes: Committed to Ilchester Goal, by a Writ *de Excommunicato capiendo*, in December 1713, but upon a Motion at the Queen's Bench Bar, was discharged in the Month call'd June 1714.]

Katharine Jewell of Glastonbury, Widow, was prosecuted in the Ecclesiastical Court for a Church-Rate (so called).

1714. Samuel Bownas of Limington was prosecuted in the Ecclesiastical Court for Tithes, at the Suit of William Ray Clerk. [Committed to Ilchester Goal on the 15th of the Month call'd July 1714.]

Thomas Browning of Limington was prosecuted in the Exchequer for Tithes at the Suit of William Ray aforesaid.

1715. William Tilly was prosecuted in the Exchequer for Tithes, at the Suit of Hugh Lambert Parson of Mudford. [Brought up to London, and committed to the Fleet Prison on the 24th of the Month call'd April 1716, and continued till the 12th of October following.]

1717. Philip Watts, William Coate, John Clark, and Richard Cooper, of Grinton, were prosecuted in the Ecclesiastical Court for a Church-Rate (so called) at the Suit of Daniel Pople Warden. [Philip Watts and John Clark were committed to Prison, by a Writ *de Excommunicato capiendo*, on or about the 19th of October 1719.]

1725. James Clothier of Street near Glastonbury, was prosecuted in the Ecclesiastical Court, for a Demand of 25/- for Tithes, in the name of Councellor Pratt. [The Proceedings were put a Stop to by the Councellor's Order, upon application to him.]

1726. John Hucker was prosecuted in the Ecclesiastical Court for Tithes, in the name of the said Councellor Pratt. [The Proceeding was stopt in the same manner, and the Demand of 25/- taken by Justices' Warrant.]

1728. William Squire was prosecuted in the Ecclesiastical Court for a Church-Rate (so called) at the Suit of Silvester Penny and John Down of Glastonbury, Wardens.

1730. Samuel Tully and Mary his Wife, Hannah Pinckner, John Hipsley and John Corbin, were prosecuted in the Exchequer for small Tithes, at the Suit of William Aris Vicar of Kainsham. [The Estates, which these Persons occupied, being made appear to be Tithe-free, the Vicar, after some Trouble and charge to himself and them, dropt the Prosecution.]

James Player of Portushead, and William Perris of Knowle in the Parish of Long Sutton, with Jane his Wife, late Jane Ashford, were prosecuted in the Exchequer for Tithes, at the Suit of John Lovell Rector of Portushead. [The Demand was for great and small Tithes, Easter-Dues, and Offerings, for the years 1728, 1729, and 1730, valued by him at £25 12/10, but upon the Report of the Deputy Remembrancer, to whose Enquiry the Case was committed, the Court decreed James Player to pay,

	£	s.	d.
For Easter Dues and Offerings 1728, 1729, 1730		5	0
For Tithe of Wheat, Beans, Pease, Oats, Barley, Hay, Sheep, Lambs, Calves and Cyder, 1729, 1730	10	11	9½
	£10	16	9½

And William Perris to pay,

For Easter Dues and Offerings 1729. 1730 ..		3	4
For Tithe of Wheat &c. 1730	4	14	9
	£4	18	1
Total	£15	14	10½

	£	s.	d.
The Plaintiff's first Bill of Costs was taxed at	60	0	0
The subsequent Bill of Costs on the Sequestration, Taxed at	44	19	9
	£104	19	9

The Defendant's Clerk's Bill was £28 19 0

They took from James Player in the Month call'd June 1735,

33 Wt. of Wool, each Wt. 21 lb. 4 Fat Oxen, 230 Sheep, 73 Lambs and 3 Fat Sheep,	Sold for £120 worth £141 15 0
	£170 14 0

So that for a Demand of £25 12/10, setled at £15 14 9½, the Defendants sustained £170 14/- Damages, besides other incident charges, and the Trouble and Expence of all three of them travelling above 200 Miles on account of putting in their Answers at London. N.B. Jane Perris was Mother of James Player, and their Affairs somewhat intermixt on the Estate, when the Tithe was claimed.]

1731. William Squire was prosecuted in the Ecclesiastical Court for Tithes, by Francis Blake, in the name of Councellor Pratt. [The Prosecution was dropt upon Application to the Councellor.]

William Wilmott, of Claverham in the Parish of Yeaton, was prosecuted in the King's Bench for Tithes, at the Suit of Rumney Penrose Parson and Impropriator. [The Prosecution was on the Statute for Treble Damages: The Demand was £6 13/4, for 5 years Tithes. This Suit continued till the Death of the Defendant, which happen'd in October 1736.]

1732. William Frampton of Axbridge was prosecuted in the Ecclesiastical Court for a Demand of 8/- for a Church Rate (so called) at the Suit of Richard Martin and James Hall Wardens. [One of the Prosecutors dying, this Suit dropt.]

1734. Grace Pole and Edward Pole of Wivelscomb were prosecuted in the Exchequer for Tithes, at the Suit of Edward Burton Vicar of Wivelscombe. [This Suit is yet depending]

1736. Joseph Metford of Glastonbury was prosecuted in the Ecclesiastical Court at Wells, for about 30/- for 2 years Tithes, at the Suit of Thomas Blake Tithe-farmer.

ARTHUR SCHOMBERG.

280. Horsington Court Roll (Somerset).—The Court Roll, of which the following is a copy, is in the possession of Thomas Mackrell, Esq., of Sturminster Marshall. It is a single sheet of parchment, 14½ ins. × 9¾ ins., written only on one side. Walter Cras, Rector of Horsington, mentioned therein, died circa 1403 (Weaver's *Somerset Incumbents*).

Horsington ff Cur' ibm tent' die lune p'xi'a post fm̃ Conu's Sci Pauli Anno regni Regis Henr' quarti post conquestũ iiij^to^

M'ia iijd. Ad px' Pl'ies p'cept' fuit Simon' Dulling (distr') qd apire fac' staelam suam sup claus' de Stonesplace ita qd tenent' dñi de horewode vlt^a^ illam possñt ire p'ut de antiq^o^ vsitare solent qui q'dm̃ Simon n^l^ adhuc inde fec' p'ut al' cũ sen' [? senechallo] convenit I'o ip'e in mi^a^ Et n^l^oi' [nihilominus] p' est eidm̃ dict' staelam fac'e ibm̃ cont^a^ px' s'b pena g^a^ [gravi] incumbente.

M'ie ixd. Ad px' Alias p'cept' fuit Willo ffox (iiijd) qd excur' fossat' suu' ex pte boriali de Midewynte'slane (ex^o^) Et Joh'i Diredaunt (ijd) qd excur' fossat' suu' apud la Estbrouk (ex^o^) Ac Walt'o Cras (iijd) Rectori eccl'ie de Horsyngton qd excur' fossat' suu' iux^a^ Brademo'esdich exoppõ Gildonesleyene iac' inexcur' ad noc', &c., in defect' ipsorum Will'i Joh'is Walt'i qui n^l^ inde fecere I'o ip'i in mi^a^ et n^l^oi' p' est ip'is mel' excur' erga p'x' &c.

M'ia iiijd. distr' Adhuc Joh'es Brig (jd) in mi^a^ q' nõ h' Joh'em Loyt tenent' Prior' de Stau'dale quẽ pleg' ven' ad rd' de hoc qd ipẽ sepissie and frequent' cu' affr' au'ijs & bid' suis ocupauit & incumbrauit pastur' dñi and tenent' suorum in horewode vbi nullam co'nam h'et p'ut al' p's' fuit p' hom̃g' Et n^l^oi' p' est mel' dis' cont^a^ p'x' si, &c.

Distr' Adhuc p' est distr' Willm̃ Bosse (jd) and Joh'em (jd) Thorne ven' ad rd' de diu'sis mat'ijs sup' ip'os p'sent' vt pleni' pat' in iiij^to^ ro^l^ p'ced'.

Distr' Pr' (sa) est distr' Ricm̃ Botenyleyn and Nichm' Edmonds ven' ad rd' de hoc qd ip'i incluser' in eorum sep'al' c'tam q^a^ntitatem t're infra dominiu' istud sine lic' dni p'ut pleni' pat' in ro^l^ p'ced' iux^a^ p's' hom'g' [presentationem homagii]

Pr' est Adhuc (sa) p' est toto hom'g' dñi qd her' hic Willm' Doon Willm' fil' Thome Crede Thom' Houghes & Willm' Laneman nat' dnĩ de sang' elong' a s'uic' dñi si ip'os possñt aliq^o^ m^o^ explorare &c.

Distr' Adhuc (sa) p' est distr' Joh'em Priorem de Bruton ven' ad rd' q^a^re nõ excur' fossat' suu' ex p'te boriali de la Oxenlese iux^a^ Okhamford long' temp'e iac' inexcur' ad g^a^ue dampn' &c.

Distr' Itm' p' est distr' Joh'em Carte Jun' ven' ad rd' de hoc qd ip'e intrauit in claus' dñi de Hatherlegh & ib'm posuit recia and al' ingenina p'phesanis & Wodecokkes capiend'

& de hoc qd ip'e cepit & abinde asportauit Wodecokkes sine lic' dñi seu ministr' suorum, &c.

M'ia ij d. Joh'n Dounton & Cristina vx' eius pon' se in mi^{a} p' lic coñ cũ Elico atte mulle in pl'io tñs.

Pr' est Adhuc p' est Walt'o ffairie qd excur' fac' fossat' suu' apud la Estbrouk ac pp'oit' dñi qd excur' fossat' dñi apud ffursebrouk (excur') et fossat' ex pte australi de midewynt' eslane (pr' est) iac' inexcur' ad d^{m}, &c.

M'ia j d. Thom Bahere in mi^{a} p' fals' querel' sua v'sus Willm I'cy in pl'io tñs.

Lex Elicus Doublehond est ad legem se xij^{d} man' v'sus Johem filiũ Rici Shephurde qd ipm̃ nõ verb'auit vuln' auit n^{e} maletractauit ad dampñ sua xx s. p'ut v'sus eu' narrauit vlt^{a} dampñ iij d. q^{o}s in p'senti cur' cog' vñ fiat ex^{o} pl' de lege Johes Houghs.

Atth' Pr' est (sa) atth' Rob'm s'uient' John Cory Capell'i ven' ad rd' Thom' Bakere quer' in pl'io tñs.

Distr' Pr' est distr' Willm' Synyere ( ) ven' ad rd' dño de hoc qd ip'e falc' pratu' suu' in horsecroft bis in a^{o} cont^{a} cons' hui' man' in p'iudiciu' dñi non modicũ Et Thom' (dis') Bakere ven' ad rd' de hoc qd ip'e p'strauit vnu' Vlmu' nup cresc' in q^{o}dm sepe int' ip'm & Willm' Ic'y sine lic' dñi &c., p'ut pleni' pat' in p'x' ro^{l} p'ced' iux^{a} p's' hom^{a}g'.

Ex^{a}hur' Adhuc (m^{o} sup' ann') j jument' debil' color' bay p'c'
Rem' xiiij d qui p'uen' de ex^{a}hur' circa fm' sci' Joh'is ante po'tam Latinam rem' in custod' pp'oi debit' mõ p'clamat' & nondũ calumpniat,' &c.

281. Canopy at Wells Cathedral (V. xxxix. 237).—In the Appendix to the Third Report of the Historical MSS. Commission p. 363, it is stated that among the "Fabric Accounts" of Wells Cathedral there is one dated 1550, which mentions among "venditiones diversarum rerum," the following item: "9s. received for a certain tabernacle, situate in the choir, near the altar, sold to the Lord Suffragan of Wells."

The Lord Suffragan was William Finch, consecrated Suffragan Bishop of Taunton April 7, 1538; he died in 1559.

Is this the canopy on which Canon Church has written the interesting note (V. xxxix. 237)? If so, the Bishop must have presented it to the Dean and Chapter. F. W. Weaver.

282. Somerset Parish Registers.—Mr. W. P. W. Phillimore, who is now printing the marriage registers of Gloucestershire, Hampshire, and Nottinghamshire, is now preparing to edit a volume of Somerset Marriage Registers in conjunction with the Rev. D. Ll. Hayward, rector of Pitney. The success of such a volume depends largely upon the measure of help and support which is accorded locally to the scheme,

and the Editors will be glad to hear from anyone who may be interested in it. Address either Mr. Phillimore, 124 Chancery Lane, London, or Mr. Hayward, Pitney Rectory, Langport.

THE EDITORS.

283. MATTHEW CHANCELOR'S DREAM.—

Matthew Chancelor's
DREAM,
Being a True Information, giving by him
concerning the Discovery of the

Glastonbury Waters,

This is to certify, whom it may concern, THAT I MATTHEW CHANCELOR, of the Parish of *North Wootton*, in the County of *Somerset*, Yeoman, hath been Afflicted with an Asthma, or Phthisic, almost 30 years, and about the middle of *October* last, I had a violent Fit in the Night, and afterwards fell asleep, and dreamed I was at *Glastonbury*, some way above *Chain-Gate*, and I saw in the Horse Track some of the finest Water I ever saw in my life; I kneeled down on my knees and drank (?) of it. I could perceive the splashing of the Horses on both sides, as soon as I stood up I saw a Person stood by and pointed with his Finger, and said, *If you go to the Shoot and take a clean glass in your Hand fasting, and drink it seven Sunday Mornings following, I should Find a perfect Cure.* I asked him—why seven Sunday Mornings? He said the World was made in six Days, and in the seventh Day GOD rested from his labour and blessed it above other Days. He likewise said to me, where this water comes from is out of the Holy Ground where a great many Saints and Martyrs have been buried, he told me something concerning Our SAVIOUR'S Baptism in the River *Jordon*, but I could not remember it.

When I awaked this was my DREAM. The Sunday after I went and found it exactly, accordingly, it was a very dry Time and I could not scarce perceive it run in the Shoot, so I dipt in the glass three Times in the Hole where the Shoot run into, the value of a Draft, and drank it returning GOD thanks, and so continued seven Sundays, and by the Blessing of GOD recovered me of my Disorder, Witness my HAND,

MATTHEW CHANCELOR.

*** The above was verified on the Oath of the said M. CHANCELOR, the 27th Day of *April*, 1751, before T. WHITE, *Mayor*, and R. BLAKE, *Justice*.

I have lately met with the above document in a farm house in the parish of St. Cuthbert, Wells. It is printed as a broad sheet; perhaps our Glastonbury readers may be able to say whether the "Glastonbury waters" are resorted to, at the end of the 19th century as they were in the middle of the 18th.

[NOTE. In the Churchwardens' Accounts of S. Mary's,

Reading, "made and delivered upp Aprill the 12th being Easter Thursday 1658," I find this:

"Paid Mathew Chanceller ye elder & Mathew ye younger for stocking 4 beles, and other worke as apers by bills 6li 01s. 6d.

Paid John Hill for 12 dayes worke helping ye Chancellers 0 12 00]." JAMES COLEMAN.

284. MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS IN OTHER COUNTIES RELATING TO SOMERSET AND DORSET (III. xxiv. 337, IV. xxvii. 88, xxix. 177, xxxi. 253, xxxii. 310, V. xxxv. 93, xxxvi. 143, xxxix. 255).—

The following is to be seen on the north aisle of the nave of Canterbury Cathedral:—

To the memory of Robert Chisholm esqre. M.D. | formerly of Ashmore in the Co. of Dorset but late of Canterbury | where he practised many years as a Physician generally | and in the Kent and Canterbury Hospital |

In this field of usefulness his professional skill | and his general benevolence of heart diffusing their effects | through a large circle of rich and poor, have caused | his loss to be felt as a public calamity |

This tablet is erected by his friends and fellow citizens | who are desirous of recording their sense of his worth | Died 29 August 1838 aged 52.

See p. 87 of *The History of Ashmore*, by the Revd. E. W. Watson where reference is made to a tablet in Ashmore Church to the memory of this same Robert Chisholm. GEO. S. FRY.

285. In the porch of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Cambridge, is a tablet with the following inscription which I recently copied:—

"Near this place lies the Body of Thomas Harlston, of North Cadbury in Somerset Shire, who died April 13th, 1790. Aged 44 years."

E. COLLETT, Hughley Rectory, Shrewsbury.

286. SOMERSET AND DORSET INSCRIPTIONS ON TOMBS IN BUNHILL FIELDS.—In looking through a copy of "*Proceedings in reference to the preservation of the Bunhill Fields Burial Ground*," printed by order of the Corporation of London in 1867,—at the end is the transcript of a rare tract of inscriptions taken and printed by E. Curll, London, 1717. Among them are two relating to the above counties.

"On a gravestone with this inscription:—

Here lyeth interred the Body of EDWARD TUCKER, late of WEYMOUTH, in *Dorsetshire*, who (by his own PREDICTION) departed this Life *March* the 4th 170. . . Aged 86 years.

On a low tombstone this inscription:—

Here lyeth the Body of Mr. *Richard Fairclough*, the worthy

Son of the late Reverend Divine Mr. *Samuel Fairclough* of *Suffolk;* was sometime Fellow of *Emanuel College* in *Cambridge*, afterwards Rector of *Mells*, in *Somersetshire*.

A Person, like his Father, eminent for his natural Parts, acquired Learning, and infused Grace; Indued with a most piercing Judgment, rich Fancy, and clear Expression; And therefore A good Expositor, a rare Orator, an excellent Preacher. His Spirit and Temper was Most Kind and Obliging, Most Publick and Generous; A great Contemner of Riches, and Despiser of Vain Glory; Chearful, yet Watchful; Zealous, yet Prudent; A pleasant Companion, and a most faithful Friend; A pious Guide and Instructor, By Doctrine and Example.

Obiit July 4, 1682. *Anno Ætat*, 61.

To the most deserving Memory of him and his Family;—This Monument was erected; As a Testimony of Gratitude for many Obligations; By *Thomas Percivall*, of the *Middle-Temple*, Gent. *Anno Dom.* 1682."

From the nature of the epitaph, and his burial in Bunhill Fields, it is perhaps doubtful that he was Rector of Mells at his death. The inscriptions have probably disappeared at the present date. R.

287. Relics of old Bruton.—(1.) While some men were recently engaged in extending the King's School cricket pitch, which is in a field between the church and the railway, they dug up a stone bason. It is circular, about 18-in. across and 11¾-in. deep; deeply hollowed in the interior. The sides are slightly convex from above downwards; at equal distances there are four upright square edged ribs resembling pilaster buttresses standing out about half an inch. The underside is perfectly level. The care with which it has been shaped and hollowed seems to preclude the thought of some ordinary use as a pig-trough or a catchdrip under a pump; while the absence of a hole in the bottom is against the idea of a font, letting alone the fact that three fonts can be traced to Bruton church already. The only other use that can be suggested is that the bason was intended to hold holywater at the entrance of the church. These holywater stoups are sometimes found completely detached from the wall of the porch or doorway, and placed either in a recess as at Fordington, or on a pedestal. At the Reformation stoup and pedestal in such a position would easily disappear and leave not a wrack behind.

(2.) In a rockery in the Vicarage garden not twenty yards from the place where the stoup was dug up, there are two fragments of a Norman font. This originally was a yard square, and the bowl part is about 9-in. deep. The interior having been hollowed out into a wide shallow bason, it was easy for some barbarian to break it into four quarters, of which one whole quarter and one portion have survived. The sides are covered with arcading.

The bases of the pillars rest on a plinth, these pillars are cable-moulded and support segmental arches; small uprights rise from the capitals through the spandrels to the upper plinth. The arches only appear on one fragment, as the surface of the other has been lowered about an inch. The square bason stood on a round pillar, as a circular cable-moulding is carved on the under side of the bason, and the corners are supported on corbels with delicate escalloped work. This font gave place to another of the Perpendicular style which was still in its proper place when the Pigott drawings were being executed. Since then it has been removed to the churchyard of South Brewham (*S. & D., N. & Q.*, V., p. 156), and a third set in its place. It need hardly be said that in each instance the change has been for the worse. E.H.B.

288. CHURCH-HOUSES IN SOMERSET.—(1.)—Withycombe. Indenture 25 Nov. 11 Jas. (1613) Whereby John Southcot of Witham co. Essex, Esq., and Edward s. and h. a., Grant to William Wheddon of Withicombe co. Somerset, husbandman, Elianor and John his children, for £30, all that tenement or cottage called the Churchhouse of Withicombe with a garden and parcell of waste ground adjoyning....at a yearly rent of 6s., 8d., for the lives of the three parties mentioned above.

[From deed lent by Rev. W. Burland, Rector of Doulting.]

(2.)—Bayford, par. of Stoke Trister. In a grant made by Tippe and Dawe of lands passed to them under the Great Seal of England to John Ewens of Wincanton temp. Elizabeth—lands in the west field of Bayford and tenements including the Church-house. [Mr. G. Sweetman's MSS.] E.H.B.

289. FRITHS ABOUT THE CHURCHYARD AT WINSHAM.—We are indebted to the Rev. D. H. Spencer, Vicar of Winsham, for the following note.

The word Frith is the same as *Vreath*, which Mr. Elworthy in his West Somerset Word Book explains as "a wattled fence."

EDITOR FOR SOMERSET.

Winsam. The ffrithes aboute the Churcheyarde.

The names of those persons wch doe mayntayne ye frithes in the closure of ye Churcheyarde in ye parishe of Winsam and the bargaynes names for wch they doe mayntayne them, wth ye measure of ye sayde frithes as they are coustumeably repared and have beene tyme out of mynde, this vew was taken ye 29th daye of June in ye yeare of oure Lorde God 1581 by John Higins clerke Vicare there and by George Pinney and John Wheydon Churche Wardens wth ye Sydemen & others of ye sayde parishe then present, and they were directed therein by a note of ye sayde persons & frithes, wch note Edmũde Langdon had them in his custodie.

[Everie frithe cõteines in measure fowre foote].

On ye Easte syde of ye church yarde beginning at ye Wall Corner of ye Vicares Courte, and so proceedeing northewarde from thence. Hewghe Peysing two frithes for Haye House that is 8 foote. Simon Nichols for Wineyarde one frithe, y^t^ is 4 foote. Elizabeth Dipsdale for Leycrofte one frithe, 4 foote. Courte House one frithe. Isabella Bagwell two frithes. John Dunne one frithe.

&c. &c.

Then is ye Easte Churche hatche wch ye Wardens of ye churche must repare for ye whole parishe.

....

Markes Crouche for his house
one frithe.

....

Markes Crouche one frithe
for ye barne.

....

....

Then is ye Northe Churche hatche and ye barres all wch ye parishe mayntaynes.

On ye Northe Syde of ye churche yarde nexte to ye barres.

John Staple senior three frithes,
y^t^ is, 12 foote.

&c. &c.
&c. &c.

Then on ye Weste Syde, is the Stone-style wch ye parishe muste mayntayne.

Nexte unto ye stone stile is Thomas Lomberde one stone frithe, y^t^ is, foure foote.

John Checkeforde five frithes, y^t^ is, 20 foote.

Error, which wee doe suppose, by reporte, to be for bludwell (wch is Roberte Warries grounde) twoe frithes.

Thomas Wiat fower frithes. These frithes because hee was poore & had seven frithes more were taken by John Kimber one frithe, by Richard Hill of Kensley one frithe, by John Osburne alias Webber one frithe, & by Markes Holcombe one frithe.

&c. &c.

from thence on ye South Syde against ye Vicares Orcharde, garden wall, house and Courte Wall even unto ye streete is ye Vicare his Mounde and hee is to make, mayntayne, & repare it.

Joannes Higins Vicarius Winsamiæ.

290. THE ARMS ON THE CORPORATE SEAL OF WAREHAM.—*Gu.* a crescent surmounted of an estoile of six points *Or*, betw. three fleurs-de-lis *reversed* of the last.

Is there any explanation of the reversal of the fleurs-de-lis? Hutchins gives none, neither does Burke, nor Fox Davies.

It has been said that Queen Elizabeth, in one of her progresses, came to Wareham, and was not suitably entertained.

To mark her displeasure she ordered the reversal of the fleurs lis on the borough arms. Is there any evidence for statement?

291. THE FRENCH IN WINCANTON; OR WINCANTON THE BEGINNING OF THE 19th CENTURY, &c., BY GEO SWEETMAN. PUBLISHED AT WINCANTON, 1897. pp. 47, w 3 ILLUSTRATIONS. PRICE ONE SHILLING.—Among the m comparisons that will ere long be drawn between the beginn and end of the century, the one that should appeal to Englishn most of all is the altered condition of national existence. closed a century which had been full of strife by land and s waged not thousands of miles away, but in Flanders, in Channel, even upon English soil. To our grandfathers, as their grandparents, the dread of invasion was a very real one. T nineteenth century was well in its' teens' before Boney was fina disposed of, and the 'old war-time' came to an end, only to l on in father's stories. As the narrators at first-hand of the of the country, when the struggle was at its height and victo yet uncertain, have nearly all passed away, it was a happy id which led Mr. Sweetman to collect the facts and traditions rel ing to the enforced stay of some hundred prisoners of w in his native town. From this book we learn when t French arrived, and what they did during their prolonged vis Those who had money lived in lodgings on the fat of the la Those who being penniless were confined to the Governme rations did not fare so well, and there is a tradition in a neig bouring village that two Frenchmen having been caught in *chasse*, whether blackbirds or frogs is not stated, were locked up a cellar by the enraged squire, until the Commissioner could communicated with. They played games among themselves, a gave concerts and theatrical entertainments to the inhabitan As the prospect of an early peace faded away, some made a da for freedom, and aided by the smugglers in the channel, who li a character in one of Marryat's novels seem to have had an eq affection for both countries, were able to escape. But this requir money and nerve. Others settled down in the town and nearest v lage, and cultivated the acquaintance of the 'English Mees' w considerable success as divers entries in the Parish registers w ness. The entries however are not confined to marriages a Baptisms, and a long list of burials testify to the heartsickness hope deferred. (One is said to have committed suicide.) tombstone in the churchyard was, until the publication of t work, the only actual memorial of their sojourn; and the simp pathos of the inscription 'He was a prisoner but death has ma him free' is a pleasant contrast to many a bombastic epita in Collinson. It has been a real pleasure to read this book, a as it is not by any means the first of Mr. Sweetman's efforts revive the days that are past, so we hope it will not be the last.

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